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Senior General Than Shwe sends Workers Day message

Government guarantees fundamental rights of workers: security of workers, worksite safety, correct solutions to trade disputes, and improvement of their living standard

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—*The following is a translation of the Workers Day message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe.*

On the Workers Day that falls on 1 May 2009, I send this message in recognition of the brilliant performances the mass of workers give for transforming the Union of Myanmar into a modern, developed nation and improving the living standard of the people.

In Myanmar, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw remain harmonious in pursuing the prudent objectives, and that has resulted in consolidated national unity, fine economic infrastructure, and fine social infrastructure that amounts to greater longevity and higher education standard of the people.

Today, the government is implementing the Project for Development of Border Areas and National Races, the 24-Special Region Development Project and the Rural Development Project for equitable development of all parts of the

nation. In that regard, thanks to the active participation of the mass of workers, the people are now in a position to enjoy the fruitful results of the projects.

The government is seeking ways and means to harmonize the State sector and private sector in pursuance of the goal of building an industrialized nation with economic growth resulting from development in the agricultural sector.

In its bid to industrialize the nation, the government has established many industrial zones across the nation, and so the contribution of the private-owned industries to the industrial sector is growing considerably. The ratio of the industrial sector contribution to the GDP is on the increase year by year thanks to growing local and foreign investments and establishment of more and more State-owned heavy industries. (See page 8)

True patriotism

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

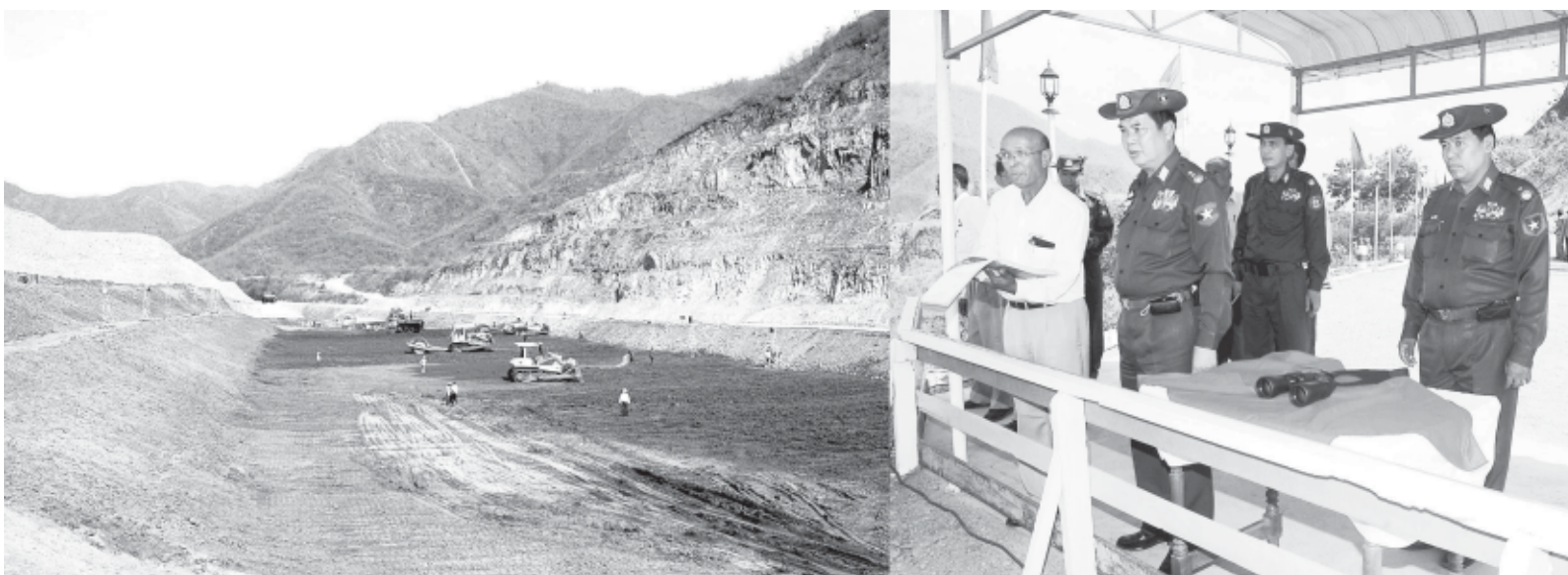
Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Israeli President

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Shimon Peres, President of the State of Israel, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the State of Israel, which falls on 29 April 2009.— MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends felicitations to State of Israel

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of the State of Israel, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the State of Israel, which falls on 29 April 2009.— MNA

Mandalay Div enjoys infrastructural development



NAY PYI TAW, 30 April — Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central (See page 8)

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence views progress of Myogyi Multi-purpose Dam Project.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 1 May, 2009

Raise productivity for better living conditions of the people

Today (1 May 2009) is Workers Day. The mass of Myanmar workers demonstrated their active role together with the entire people in anti-colonialist movements and independence struggles. Till today, workers have served as a united, strong national force in nation-building tasks.

In an effort to build a modern, developed nation, the government is improving infrastructures in various fields for restoration of peace and stability throughout the nation, economic growth and improvement of the living standard of the people.

Moreover, the government is building many new State-owned factories and plants across the nation for industrial development necessary for modernizing and industrializing a nation. Effective encouragement to development of industrial zones and private-owned industrial zones has resulted in boosting production of import-substitute goods.

Seeing a growing number of modern machine factories and import-substitute goods factories, the industrial zones have gained many new manufacturing methods and created many job opportunities.

Today, boosting production of export goods, reduction of importing goods and establishment of new import-substitute industries have become at the centre of the industrial sector. Therefore, factories and plants have to pay more attention to improve productivity, especially to qualitative and quantitative improvement of machines and personal goods, and boosting production of marketable goods.

Now, workers, blue collar and white collar, are showing their enthusiasm in the industrial sector in transforming the nation into a modern, developed one. Therefore, the people will be able to enjoy higher living conditions if the mass of workers with a fine tradition of preserving nationalistic fervour in successive periods continue to work hard for completion of ongoing projects ahead of schedule and boosting production of goods.

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

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to State of Israel

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May — On the occasion of the Independence Day of the State of Israel, which falls on 29 April 2009, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Avigdor Liberman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel.— MNA

Coord meeting of sports plus education leading committee held

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April—The coordination meeting of sports and education leading committee was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Education, here yesterday with an address by Chairman of Sports plus Education Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min.

Present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry of Sports, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Religious Affairs, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Education, rectors of colleges and universities, schoolheads, principals of education colleges, state and division level education officers and officials.

First, Brig-Gen Aung

Myo Min made a speech on the occasion, saying that it is required to promote sports standard of the students in the combination of education and sports.

Basic and higher level students need to strive for shining Myanmar sports prestige. Sports competitions are to be held in both basic education and higher education drawing sports calendar starting from the 2009-2010 academic year.

Officials from the education departments are to take cooperative measures with other related departments for achieving success in the tasks of sports and education.

Next, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik explained that a total of 150 physical instructors are conducting 22 kinds of sports for eight weeks. Sports facilities will be provided for enabling sports events to be held. State and division former selected players will be appointed as physical instructors.

Afterwards, officials replied to the queries raised by those present. All responsible personnel are to actively cooperate in the task of combining sports and education.

MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April—The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of Rector Dr Mya Aye of Mandalay University of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) under the Ministry of Education on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Maung Maung Toe General Manager (Project) Myanma General and Maintenance Industries Ministry of Industry-1	Managing Director Myanma General and Maintenance Industries Ministry of Industry-1
(b) U Tun Tun Naing Deputy Director-General Central Statistical Organization Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development	Director-General Central Statistical Organization Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
(c) U Khin Maung Zaw Chief Engineer Power Supply Projects Division Myanma Electric Power Enterprise Ministry of Electric Power No. 2	Director-General Electric Power Department Ministry of Electric Power No. 2
(d) Dr Win Myint Deputy Director-General Health Department Ministry of Health	Director-General Health Department Ministry of Health
(e) Professor Dr Tint Swe Latt Professor (Medical Education) North Okkalapa General Hospital Medical Science Department Ministry of Health	Rector University of Medicine (2) Yangon Medical Science Department Ministry of Health
(f) Professor Dr Naing Win Professor (Radiologist) University of Medical Technology (Yangon) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health	Rector University of Medical Technology (Yangon) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health
(g) Daw Nanda Hmoon Pro-Rector (Academic) National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) Fine Arts Department Ministry of Culture	Rector National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) Fine Arts Department Ministry of Culture

MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min addresses coordination meeting of Sports plus Education Leading Committee.—MNA



Children check the damage on a car destroyed by a car bomb explosion in Baghdad's Shiite stronghold of Hurriyah, Iraq, on 30 April, 2009.

INTERNET

Sri Lanka vows to fight until rebel leaders captured

COLOMBO, 30 April—Sri Lanka told Britain and France that it would keep up its military offensive until the leaders of the rebel Tamil Tigers have been captured “dead or alive,” according to a press report. The privately-run Island newspaper said Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapakse made it clear to the visiting British and French foreign ministers that international calls for a

ceasefire were premature.

Rajapakse said a truce would only help the Tamil Tigers' founder and leader Velupillai Prabhakaran, 54, who is believed to be holed up with his last remaining fighters on the island's northeast coast.

“After 30 years, the time has come finally for Prabhakaran and other terrorist leaders to be captured dead or alive and the government will not stop until that end is achieved,”

Rajapakse told the newspaper. The Tigers have been driven back by a Sri Lankan military onslaught that earlier this year dismantled the rebels' de facto state.

The French and British ministers left Colombo early on Thursday after a visit in which they urged the government to halt the fighting and allow aid workers access to tens of thousands of affected civilians.—*Internet*

Death toll rises to 41 in Baghdad triple car bombings

BAGHDAD, 30 April—The death toll from three car bomb explosions in marketplaces in Baghdad's Sadr City neighbourhood on Wednesday, rose to 41 and up to 68 people injured, an Interior Ministry source said.

“The latest reports said that 41 people were killed and some 68 others wounded by the three car bombings in Sadr City neighbourhood,” the

source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Many women and children were among the victims, the source said.

Earlier, the source said 16 killed and 45 others injured by the blasts.

The incident occurred in the afternoon when three booby-trapped cars parked at different popular marketplaces in Sadr City neighborhood in eastern Baghdad, detonated simul-

taneously, the source said.

One of the car bombs detonated in the Souq Mreidy market, another at a pet market and the third at a separate market in the sprawling neighbourhood, the source added.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the scenes while ambulances and some civilian vehicles transferred the victims to nearby hospitals, he said.

Internet



Residents look at a burnt vehicle at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Sadr City on 29 April, 2009. The toll from twin car bomb blasts on Wednesday in a busy market in Baghdad jumped to 41 killed and 68 wounded, Iraqi police said.—INTERNET

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,278

WASHINGTON, 30 April—As of Wednesday, 29 April, 2009, at least 4,278 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 3,435 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*

Obama welcomes Australia's decision to increase troops to Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 30 April—US President Barack Obama welcomes Australia's decision to increase troops to Afghanistan, saying Canberra's contribution is “critical” to prevent the central Asian country from becoming terrorists' safe heaven, the White House said on Wednesday. President Obama called Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on Tuesday evening (US Eastern Time) and thanked him for the decision to “increase military, civilian and financial commitment to Afghanistan,” said the White House in a statement.

In response to Obama's recent call for more troops from NATO and other allies, Prime Minister Rudd announced on Wednesday that Australia will boost its troops in Afghanistan by 450 to 1,550 soldiers.

Internet

Russian envoy blasts NATO exercises in Georgia

BRUSSELS, 30 April—Russian envoy to NATO, Dmitry Rogozin, on Wednesday blasted NATO's planned military exercises in Georgia, labelling them as “totally out of place.”

Rogozin, who met formally for the first time in eight months with ambassadors of NATO countries, said he was not convinced by NATO allies' explanation that the exercises scheduled for 6 May to 1 June in Georgia pose no threat to Russia's security.

“I insist that these exercises are totally out of place,” he told reporters after the meeting. “Any muscle flexing along our borders is not acceptable at all.”

He noted that the exercises will be held against the background of parliamentary elections in the Georgian breakaway region of South Ossetia, the first such poll after Russia's recognition of independence of the region. “I cannot name it other than political blackmailing,” Rogozin said. Russia is also worried by statements from high-ranking US officials that the NATO exercises are meant to support Georgia's territorial integrity.

He blamed NATO for its “political blindness” that refuses to recognize Russia's national interests. “In a sense, NATO reminds me of a blind rhinoceros.”

NATO has said the two series of exercises were planned in January 2008, long before the August 2008 Russia-Georgia military conflict over South Ossetia. But Rogozin argued on Wednesday that the fact that they were planned long ago does not mean that they could not be postponed or even canceled altogether.—*Internet*



Residents walk past the scene of a roadside bomb attack in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 30 April, 2009. A roadside bomb missed a passing Iraqi police patrol on Thursday morning and injured four civilians, police said.

INTERNET

Brazil confirms two suspected swine flu cases

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 April — Two people were suspected to be infected with swine flu virus among 36 people with flu-like symptoms, Brazilian Health Minister Jose Gomes Temporao said here on Wednesday.

A total of 36 people from 11 states were being monitored by the local health authorities after showing some swine flu symptoms, but only two of

them confirmed to the World Health Organization's criteria as suspected cases. One is from Minas Gerais state, and the other, Sao Paulo state, Temporao said. The patients were under medical treatment, and the results of the tests will be released in 10 days. Temporao was assured that his country was well-prepared to deal with the outbreak of swine flu.

Internet

New Zealand records 13 confirmed swine flu cases, 104 suspected cases

WELLINGTON, 30 April—There were 13 confirmed cases of swine flu and 104 suspected cases in New Zealand, Health Minister Tony Ryall said on Thursday.

"The growth in suspect numbers is primarily from close family contacts from passengers on flights," Ryall told a press conference in Wellington.

He added that the 13 confirmed cases of swine flu in New Zealand were all in the Auckland area.

That was a decrease of one from Wednesday as one recent arrival in Auckland had come from Samoa and not from Los Angeles as first thought.

Internet

13 dead of flu in Mexico's San Luis

MEXICO CITY, 30 April—Thirteen people have now died in the state of San Luis Potosi (SLP), in central Mexico, of a disease likely to be the new strain of A/H1N1 swine flu in the nation, the regional governor told media on Wednesday.—Internet

Total of swine flu cases in Canada rise

OTTAWA, 30 April—The total of confirmed swine flu cases in Canada has risen to 19, with six more cases added Wednesday, health officials said.

Three of the new cases are in British Columbia, and the other three come from Ontario.—Internet

Seven killed in train collision in India

NEW DELHI, 30 April—At least seven people were killed and 20 injured when a local passenger train collided with a goods train carrying several oil tanks in the southern Indian city Chennai in the state of Tamil Nadu on Wednesday, said police.

The collision took place around 06:00 am (00:30 GMT) at the northern Vyasarpadi suburb of Chennai, causing a big fire, said police.

All the injured were rushed to the General Hospital in Chennai while police are trying to identify the dead, including

the motormen of the two trains who were believed to be among the dead.

Railway authorities have suspended all local and long distance trains going to Chennai Central from the northern suburb town of Arakkonam, where the mishapped passenger train departed, on a route which is one of the busiest urban rail lines in India.—Internet



Workers carry out rescue operation near the damaged coach of a Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) after it collided with a goods train in the southern Indian city of Chennai on 29 April, 2009.

XINHUA

A naval parade of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy warships and aircraft is held in waters off China's port city of Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 23 April, 2009.

XINHUA



Shanghai particle accelerator to open its doors for business

BEIJING, 30 April — The building and testing of a machine that can create super X-rays capable of exposing the complicated structures of chemical compounds and proteins has been completed at Shanghai Zhangjiang High-tech Park in Pudong New Area.

The Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility is expected to significantly boost China's capability and competitiveness in scientific research, especially in life sciences, officials from the Shanghai Institute of Applied Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the facility's key

developer, were quoted as saying by Thursday's *Shanghai Daily*.

The 1.2 billion yuan (176 million US dollars) particle accelerator, China's biggest light facility, will also help in the study of viruses and new drugs and the development of technology.—Internet



An evening rainbow sets above the Sydney Harbour Bridge on 29 April, 2009. Sydney's 1,149 metre-long (3770 feet) harbour crossing, affectionately known as the Coathanger, is one of Australia's most recognizable landmarks.—XINHUA

20 glacial lakes in Nepal posing danger of outburst due to melting of ice

KATHMANDU, 30 April —Nepali Minister for Forest and Soil Conservation Kiran Gurung said more than 20 glacial lakes in Nepal have been posing danger of outburst at any time due to the melting of ice on the Himalayas, the National News Agency RSS reported on Thursday.

Speaking at a conference on "Nepal Nature Conservation Year 2009 and Poverty Reduction in Rural Areas of Nepal through Forests Resources Management" on Wednesday, Gurung said global warming has made mountainous region more vulnerable to floods and landslide and other natu-

ral catastrophes.

Gurung said that glacial lakes outburst would deplete fresh water resources, threaten rich biological diversity, including wildlife and cultural heritage, degrade agricultural and forest land, and leave destructive impact on the development infrastructure.—Internet

Earthquake jolts India-controlled Kashmir

SRINAGAR, 30 April—An earthquake of moderate intensity shook Srinagar, the summer capital of India-controlled Kashmir, and its adjoining areas on Wednesday, officials said.

According to the disaster management officials in the region, the earthquake, which measured 4.5 on the Richter Scale, occurred at 9:42 am local time (0412 GMT).

The epicenter of the earthquake was in Pakistan 36.04 degrees North, 71.27 degrees East, said Aamir Ali, coordinator of the Disaster Management Office in Srinagar.—Internet



Tourists admire the ruins of Haiyan Hall at the Old Summer Palace — also called Yuanmingyuan — in Beijing, February 2009. A French auction house said the sale of an 18th-century Chinese imperial seal would go ahead on Wednesday despite angry protests in Beijing, in the latest row over the sale of looted relics.—INTERNET

Mexico orders economic shutdown; pandemic imminent

MEXICO CITY, 30 April—Mexico's president told citizens to stay home from Friday for a five-day partial shutdown of the economy, after the World Health Organization raised its alert level and said a swine flu pandemic was imminent.

In his first televised address since the crisis erupted last week, President Felipe Calderon told Mexicans to stay home with their families. The country will suspend non-

essential work and services, including some government ministries, from 1-5 May. "There is no safer place than your own home to avoid being infected with the flu virus," Calderon said.

Mexico reported another 17 deaths potentially linked to swine flu, bringing the total to as many as 176. Ten countries have reported cases of the H1N1 strain, and Texas officials said a 22-month-old boy had died

while on a family visit from Mexico, the first confirmed swine flu death outside Mexico.

"Influenza pandemics must be taken seriously precisely because of their capacity to spread rapidly to every country in the world," WHO Director General Margaret Chan told a news conference in Geneva on Wednesday as she raised the official alert level to phase 5, the last step before a pandemic.

Internet

Bolivia bans pork imports from Mexico, USA, Canada

LA PAZ, 30 April—Bolivia banned Wednesday the imports of pork or sub products from Mexico, the United States and Canada, a step taken to stop the entrance of swine flu to the country.

All the import requests of pork food must be sent to the National Unit of Animal Safety to be evaluated and wait for authorization, the National Service of Agriculture Sanity and Food Safety (Senasag) said.—*Internet*

China calls for strengthened efforts on economic reforms

BEIJING, 30 April—China's State Council, or Cabinet, Wednesday called for greater efforts on economic reforms to boost domestic demand, improve economic structure and maintain relatively fast and sound economic development.

An executive meeting of the Cabinet, presided over by Premier Wen Jiabao Wednesday, reviewed and passed a guidance document on deepening economic reforms in 2009.

The document urged local governments to sim-

plify administrative approval procedures to stimulate investment vitality and open more investment channels for the private sector.

The State Councilors called for deeper reforms of state-owned enterprises and promoting the development of the non-public economy and the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises.

Internet



A creation made with wind cones and designed by French conceptual artist Daniel Buren is seen as a part of Beaufort 03 Contemporary Art by the Sea exhibition in De Haan on 21 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Will GM become 'Government Motors'?

WASHINGTON, 30 April—If the government takes a majority stake in General Motors, will it end up taking the wheel, too?

Under a restructuring plan put forth this week by GM, the ailing automaker would give majority ownership to the federal government to stave off bankruptcy. That handoff would amount to an extraordinary partial nationalization of the maker of Buicks, Cadillacs and Chevys that has been an independent company since 1908.

The Obama administration has said it isn't interested in running an auto company, but with that big of a stake, some analysts say the government would probably be tempted to push its own policies on such issues as alternative fuel vehicles and unions. And that could affect the types of cars that roll off GM's assembly lines. "The fear here is that a company owned by the government would move toward the do-good results, not the bottom line," said Gerald Meyers, a University of Michigan business professor and former CEO of American Motors Corp.

Internet



This 27 April, 2009, file photo shows Pontiac G6 and Chevrolet Malibu automobiles at the Orion Assembly plant in Orion Township, Mich.—INTERNET

Brazil's quarterly industrial production hits 10-year low

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 April—The international financial crisis has led to a sharp fall in the Brazilian industry production indicator in the first quarter of this year, which hit a 10-year low, the country's National Industry Confederation (CNI) announced Wednesday.

According to a study released by the CNI, the indicator which measures Brazil's industry's production fell to 36.1 points in the quarter, lower than the previous quarter's 40.8 points and 52.2 percent in the first quarter of 2008. The indicator goes from zero to 100. Any figure under 50 indicates a contraction in the activity, which means that production is downward.

Internet

Oil rises near 51 dollars despite inventory buildup

NEW YORK, 30 April—Crude oil rose near 51 US dollars a barrel on Wednesday despite a government report showed a larger-than-expected buildup in the crude supplies.

Light, sweet crude for June delivery gained 1.05 dollars to settle at 50.97 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil seems to have followed the equity market performance and remained resilient to another jump in the crude inventory. Wall Street rebounded strongly with major indexes gaining more than two percent, as investors found optimism after the Federal Reserve said the pace of the economic contraction is slowing down.

However, oil demand remained weak in the United States, the world's largest oil consumption country. The US Energy Department's Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported on Wednesday that, during the week ended 24, crude stockpiles jumped by 4.1 million barrels, more than doubled analysts' expectations. Current crude inventory reached 374.7 million barrels, highest level since 31 Aug, 1990.

EIA report also showed that average petroleum consumption is down to 18.4 million barrels a day, the lowest since 28 May, 1999. —*Internet*



Cyclists take cover from the rain in public phone booths in Rio Branco, Brazil, on 28 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Obamas keen on Indo-US renewable energy partnership

WASHINGTON, 30 April—US President Obama is keen to build an Indo-US renewable energy partnership, taking forward his recent discussions with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on climate change and energy security, a senior Indian official said here Wednesday.

This message was conveyed by Obama to

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Special Envoy on Climate Change Shyam Saran during an official reception.

Obama reminded Saran the conversation he had in this regard with Singh in London early this month and said he was "encouraged and pleased" with the exchange of views.

Indian and the US should seek to build renewable energy partnership, Obama told Saran during the brief exchange they had at the reception hosted by the President at White House for the participants of the 17-nation Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate.

MNA/PTI

Indian army increases surveillance capabilities along LoC

NEW DELHI, 30 April—With two major infiltration bids along the Line of Control in the Indo-Pak border in the last month, Indian Army Wednesday said it had "redeployed" its troops and increased surveillance capabilities to prevent the terrorists' from crossing over into India.

"The Indian Army has done redeployment (of troops to counter

infiltration)...We have built in additional surveillance capabilities to look across LoC...We have deployed more technical equipment for surveillance even at most difficult places keeping the LoC under active patrolling and surveillance at all the times," Army Vice Chief Noble Thamburaj told reporters here. On the major infiltration bids by

terrorists, he said, "In the last fortnight of month, there have been two major infiltration bids, which were partly successful but we in our second tier were able to neutralize most of them." The Army Vice Chief said the region may witness a "defining moment" as Pakistan Army has started major operations against the Taliban militants.

MNA/PTI

India says it cannot accept a cap on development

WASHINGTON, 30 April—India Wednesday said it will not accept any cap on its development in the name of climate change, asserting that any negotiation on climate change should take into account the overriding developmental objective of the developing countries. Briefing reporters at the conclusion of a two-day meeting of 17 major economies on

climate change and energy, Indian Prime Minister's Special Envoy Shyam Saran said there has to be a balance between historical responsibility and current emissions.

"Focus only on current emissions is not going to give you an equitable result," he said, adding developed countries simply can't absolve of their historic responsibilities and

talk about current emissions only.

"We have been saying that the developed countries, sooner rather than later should indicate what the emissions targets they are willing to take are? Whatever they had agreed to take on in the Kyoto protocol 1997, only few countries are going to be able to meet those targets," he said.

MNA/PTI

NEWS ALBUM



This marionette doubles as a Berlin opera star. It's opening weekend for a new production of Richard Wagner's romantic opera "Lohengrin" at the Berlin Staatsoper Unter den Linden. The opera tells the story of a young princess accused of killing her brother, with marionettes used to portray the characters' alter egos.

Chris Andrews, chief of public programmes and director of the Steinhart Aquarium at the California Academy of Sciences, holds up Balthazar, a red-tail boa constrictor, while throwing out the ceremonial first pitch to celebrate Earth Day before the San Diego Padres played the San Francisco Giants in a baseball game in San Francisco.

Man bits snake after attack

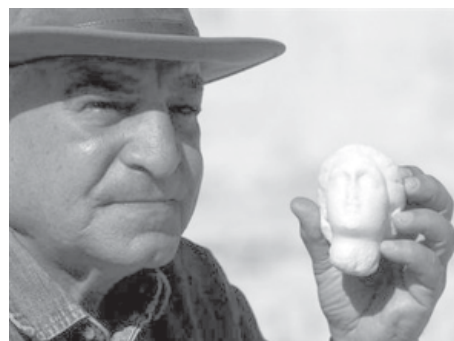
A Kenyan man survived a Python attack, partly because he bit the snake after it tried to drag him into a tree.

According to local media on Wednesday, Ben Nyaumbe, a local farmer, was attacked by the 13-foot snake and fought him for several hours. The enormous reptile wrapped him in its coils and hauled him up a tree, but Nyaumbe was able to cover the snake's head with his shirt, and reach his cell phone, where he called police for help.

The man's employer arrived with police and local villagers who tied the python with a rope and pulled them both down from the tree with a thud. They found that Nyaumbe had also bitten the python on the tail, causing his lip to split open where it came in contact with the sharp tip.



Coins, mummies and statues point to Cleopatra tomb



The head of Egypt's Council of Antiquities, Dr Zahi Hawass holds an alabaster statue of Queen Cleopatra as he poses to photographers, in the Temple of Taposiris Magna some 50 km west of Alexandria.

Egypt's top archaeologist made his version of a sales pitch Sunday, presenting 22 coins, 10 mummies, and a fragment of a mask with a cleft chin as evidence that the discovery of the lost tomb of Mark Antony and Cleopatra is at hand.

Zahi Hawass showed off the ancient treasures to journalists during a tour of a 2,000-year-old temple to the god Osiris, where they were found. He believes the site near the Mediterranean Sea contains the tomb of the doomed lovers that has been shrouded in mystery for so long.

"In my opinion, if this tomb is found, it will be one of the most important discoveries of the 21st century because of the love between Cleopatra and Mark Antony, and because of the sad story of their death," he said.

Mark Antony and Cleopatra challenged Caesar Augustus for control of the Roman Empire more than two millennia ago. Their armies were defeated and rather than submit to capture, the lovers committed suicide — Mark Antony by his sword, Cleopatra with a poisonous asp.

Bamboo keyboards expect to bring green life to computer users

Eight hours of computer work everyday always makes white collars feel boring, but Zhang Keli has found a welcome respite from office chores — a bamboo keyboard.

"It's a novelty to me," said 28-year-old Zhang, a fashion-loving employee of the Jianshou Advertisement Co Ltd in the eastern Chinese city of Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, the hometown of bamboo.

She just bought such a bamboo keyboard to replace a plastic one for her home computer a few days ago.

"I feel fun whenever I press the bamboo buttons, which gives me a feeling of gentleness and eases my tension and tiredness from work," she said.

Lack of trust and unity among NLD members

NLD members of states and divisions resign constantly due to giving priority to self-interest

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April—Members of National League for Democracy U Tun Tun from Shwepyitha township, Yangon Division on 11 November 2008, U Win Maung from Moenyin township, Kachin State on 12 November, U Win Naing from Thegon township, Bago Division on 25 November and U Maung Htwe (a) Kyu Sha Daung from Hsipaw township, Shan State (North) on 19 December resigned from the party of their own volition by sending their resignation letters to NLD headquarters and local authorities.

In addition, NLD members U Phyu and U Ohn Thuang from Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon on 5 January, 2009, U Win Thuang and U Min Gaung from Myinmu township, Sagaing Division on 12 January, U Bo Gyi from Shwegyin township, Bago Division and U San Hla (a) Kyaw Me Lay, U Kyaw Thuang, U Thuang Pe, U Chit Win, U Lin Aung and U Thein Zaw from

Banmauk township, Katha District, Sagaing Division on 17 January, U Win Maung and U Po Paing from Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon on 19 January, U Kyi Tin from Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon on 21 January, Ma Zin Zin Latt and Ma Win Phyu Ei from Mahaangmyay township, Mandalay Division on 22 January, U Win Swe from Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon on 23 January, Ko Aung Kyaw Moe from Mahaangmyay township, Mandalay Division and 11 members including U Khin Maung Htwe and U Kyaw Myint from Moenyin township, Kachin State on 26 January, U Kyaw Nyunt from Wundwin township, Mandalay Division on 28 January, U Zaw Min Latt, U Aung Myint Aye, U Hla Htay, U Tha Sein, U Aye Pe and U Maung Maung from Moenyin township, Kachin State on 10 February, U Soe Naing from Mayangon township, Yangon Division on 12 February, U Nay Lin Aung, Daw Myat Mon Aung and Daw Tha Zin Htwe from

Seikkyi Kanaungto township, Yangon Division on 8 March, U Tin Gyi Maung from Phaungpyin township, Sagaing Division on 9 March, U Khin Maung Aye from Namhsan township, Shan State (South) on 4 April and U Aung Myint Sein from Taungdwingyi township, Magway Division on 24 April quitted the party of their own volition.

Their resignation letters expressed that they joined NLD party with the aims of serving the interests of the state and the people, that there is no trust and unity among the members despite the party seems to be in a good form, that there are bullies and giving priority to self-interest, that some leaders are lackeys of foreign countries and that they resigned from the party with the conviction that they would take part in the real national politics designed by the state and agree on the State's seven-step Road Map.—MNA

Myanma Railways to complete nationwide railroad network

Article: Saw Aung (Tikyit); Photos: Myanma Alin

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Now, Yangon-Mandalay dual railroad has come into existence, thus saving a lot of time spent by a train to wait for another train till the latter has left the station. Now, 95 miles long Katha-Bhamo railroad, 198 miles long Namsang-Kengtung railroad, 95 miles long Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad, 257 miles long Sittway-An-Minbu railroad and 132 miles long Dawei-Myeik railroad are under construction. Minbu-Sittway railroad section project will be very challenging because it will get across the west Yoma mountain range.

Thazi-Shwenyaung-Taunggyi-Hsaik-khaung-Namsang railroad and Thazi-Aungban-Loikaw railroad pass through the east Yoma and Shan Yoma mountain ranges. While in service, I served as the person in-charge of a section of Hsaikhaing-Namsang railroad.

Here, I mean that construction of a railroad is more difficult in a hilly region than in a plain. So, to construct a railroad in a mountainous region is a really onerous task. After the groundwork, 1" x 2" pieces of gneiss are laid, then sleepers on them, and then rails on them. In that regard, the gneiss is to be of high quality and to be used adequately. Today, the Myanma Railways is constructing new railroads the length and breadth of the country including forests and mountainous areas under the instructions of the State's leaders in the public interest.

Traveling by train is the safest way to make a trip. And it is cheaper than any other transport means. Goods can be transported by train on a large scale from one place to another in a short time. The Myanma Railways is trying to complete a railroad network that covers the whole country. To make the rail runs across the nation daily, the MR uses more than 80 locomotives

exclusive of those of cargo trains, the trains used to transport rock, those for shunting railway carriages at central railway stations and at the railway junctions, and those of circular trains. After locomotives and carriages needed for the railway sections under construction have been imported and produced locally, the Myanma Railways will be able to open a new page of its rail transportation.

Therefore, very soon, the people can travel by train from a region to any other region in the nation, enjoying greater development in the economic, social, education, health, religious and cultural sectors thanks to smooth transport resulting from the hard work the Myanma Railways is exerting in the national interest.

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DaikU-Sittoung Railroad was launched on 21 April 2007.

Senior General Than Shwe sends Workers Day message

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So, the government has been able to generate a large number of job opportunities. Now, the government is nurturing and training the workers into human resources.

In recognition of the important role of the

workers in the nation-building tasks, the government guarantees the fundamental rights of workers such as security of workers, worksite safety, correct solutions to trade disputes, and improvement of their living standard.

Now, the State constitution drawn with the basic principles at the National Convention by the delegates including the delegates of workers, has been approved with the votes of the great majority of the voters at the referendum.

In accordance with the new constitution, elections will be held in 2010 to form hluttaws (parliaments).

It is, therefore, required of the workers to work hard hand in hand with the people, employing the knowledge and experiences gained throughout the successive periods and evaluating the objective conditions for successful completion of the State's seven-step Road Map designed to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

On such an auspicious occasion of the Workers Day, I wish the entire workers, blue collar and white collar, a success in serving the national interest, working harder than ever in production and services sectors with physical and mental well-being.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence speaking at coordination meeting on Leading Committee for Beautifying and Upgrading Yangon City Meeting 7/2009.

MNA



Beautifying and upgrading of Yangon discussed

YANGON, 30 April—Leading Committee for Beautifying and Upgrading Yangon City held its meeting (7/2009) at the City Hall, here, yesterday.

Patron of the Leading Committee Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the meeting.

In his speech on the occasion, Lt-Gen

Myint Swe stressed that as Yangon is a commercial city, all committee members must spare no efforts in the process to make it become an international standard city as targeted.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of

Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presented necessary reports.

Chairmen of working committees and officials concerned reported measures taken by their respective committees. Lt-Gen Myint Swe made necessary instruction and fulfilled the needs.—MNA

F&R Minister meets Australian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun met with Ms Michelle Su-Wen Chan, Ambassador of Australia Common wealth

to Myanmar, at the ministry, here, on 28 April.

They discussed bilateral cooperation in affairs of finance and revenue.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for F&R Col Hla Thein Swe, Myanmar Central Bank Governor U Than Nyein and officials concerned.—MNA



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun receives Ambassador of Australia Common wealth to Myanmar Ms Michelle Su-Wen Chan. — MNA

Mandalay Div enjoys...

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Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and departmental officials, inspected work on construction of the district-to-district linking road No-2 being constructed by Mandalay Division Development Committee in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon township on 28 April.

First, they visited the work site of the district-to-district linking road No-2 near Kintha Village at Mile Post No 148/4 and called for timely completion of the work meeting the set standard.

Afterwards, they went to the mile post No.122 on the road where an official concerned reported on road work of the Yamethin-Hlinet Road Section of the district-to-district linking road No-2.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected paving gravel on the road section between Mile Post No 103 and 107.

The 212.7-mile long district-to-district linking road will connect

Patheingyi Township in Mandalay and Paung, Mon State, passing through Kyaukse and Meiktila districts.

During the tour of Kyaukse township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with local people in Thanywa Village-tract in Kyaukse Township and fulfilled the requirements for the agriculture, health and development sectors in the township. At the meeting, the commander donated cash to the fund of the Thanywa Station Hospital and presented sport gear to officials concerned for villages in the township.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party proceeded to Myogyi Dam project near Myogyi Village in Ywangan Township being implemented by the construction group-7 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. At the briefing hall, the director of the construction group-7 reported on work on construction of the dam,

facts about the dam and generating hydro power from the dam. He also reported on irrigation of water from Kengkham Dam to Zawgyi Dam through the 14-mile long canal.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Tha Aye called for timely completion of the dam to irrigate the Meiktila Plain and to crop fields sufficiently.

They also inspected the construction works of the dam. Upon completion, the dam will generate 135.70 million kilowatt hours and will irrigate about 30,000 acres in Meiktila Plain.

During the tour of Natogyi Township in Myingyan District, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with local people and presented bio gas-powered batteries, fluorescents and sports gear to them. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party went to the work site of the district-to-district linking Road No-1 at Mile Post No-14 and gave instructions to officials concerned.

MNA

MWEA to hold AGM on 8 May

YANGON, 30 April – The plenary meeting 2008-09 of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association will be held at the meeting hall of the association in MWEA Tower on Shwedagon

Pagoda Road in Dagon Township here at 10 a.m. on 3 May.

The 14th annual general meeting of the association will be held at Ball Room of Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye

Pagoda Road at 9 a.m. on 8 May. The dinner will be hosted at the same venue at 6 p.m. the same day. Members are invited to attend the meeting and dinner without fail.

MNA

News and information on outbreak of swine flu released to people in time Ministry of Health: There has been no swine flu case in Myanmar up to now

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April—Swine influenza has broken out since 17 April. So far, the swine flu infected more than 2,100 people and killed 159 in Mexico, and the virus has spread to 18 countries including Mexico.

Swine influenza may be transformed into global human flu. Since 25 April, the Ministry of Health has been taking preventive measures against the swine flu transmitting to humans.

The Ministry of Health has carried out preparedness measures against outbreak of Swine influenza A (H1N1) in Myanmar, made preparations for medical treatment, provided medicines and medical equipment and laboratory apparatuses to the hospitals and prepared the special patient wards at the hospitals for emergency use.

With regard to situations of outbreak of Swine Influenza, the preventive measures and dissemination of health knowledge are being released to the people through TV, radio and dailies in time.

Since 29 April, the visitors have been screened at airports, seaports and exits of borders.

Up to now, there has been no case of swine flu in Myanmar, according to the Ministry of Health.

MNA

Inspection for safe consumption of pork and related products imported through border gateways, educative talks on animal health held L&F Ministry: There has been no swine flu case in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April—Swine influenza has broken out in 27 countries from 17 to 29 April. So far, the swine flu has infected 2962 people and killed 160.

There has been no case of H1N1 virus in pig in the regions where swine flu breaks out in humans, according to the news release of World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is carrying out necessary preventive measures against outbreak of swine flu virus in pigs of Myanmar.

Immediately after receiving the news about the outbreak of swine flu in humans in Mexico, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is releasing warnings to State/Division LBVDs and different levels of the Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation, making field trips to check the health condition of animals at pig farms, performing the surveillance of virus and raising the bio-security.

News and information on knowledge about animal health are being announced to the people in time through dailies, radio and TV.

The inspection for safe consumption of pork and related products imported through border gateways and the educative talks on animal health are being held in States and Divisions.

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries issued news that so far there has been no case of swine flu infected to pigs in Myanmar.

MNA



Screening being performed on passengers on their arrival at Yangon International Airport to prevent outbreak of swine flu in Myanmar.—MNA

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

1. News on swine flu in humans throughout the world

(a) **Outbreak of virus across the world:** Swine influenza in humans is spreading from North America to South America, Europe, Asia and Australia from 17 to 29 April. The World Health Organization designated swine flu as pandemic alert level phase 5.

(b) **Nature of virus in swine flu:** It is a new virus H1N1 combined with genes of virus from pigs, chicken and human influenzas.

2. Point of view of World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)

(a) According to the news released by the OIE on 28-4-2009, Swine influenza A (H1N1) that broke out in humans in North America was not infected from foods.

(b) Up to now, it should not be called swine influenza because the virus H1N1 had not been found in pigs. The current virus should be called North American Influenza similar to the past epidemics of human influenza epidemics such as Spanish flu and Asian flu.

(c) As there is no evidence of virus infection in pigs in the regions where swine flu breaks out, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) states that it is not necessary to limit the trade of pig and pork in the international market and the eating of pork or related products are not harmful to the consumers.

3. **Nature of swine flu:** Although serious illness can be found in pigs with virus infection of swine flu, there may be least causality. Such virus can be prevented at the breeding farms through the vaccines.

4. **Common outbreak of swine disease in Myanmar:** The common outbreak of virus in pigs is only classical swine fever, and so far, there has been no case of swine flu in Myanmar.

5. **Attention to animal health:** As swine flu may have the zoonosis infection between animals and humans, the pig breeders and sellers are to join hands with the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation, development affairs committees, and local authorities in taking preventive measures against the swine flu.

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries



Health officials screening arrivals at Yangon International Airport by taking preventive measures against swine flu.—MNA



President Daw Khin Saw Hnin makes concluding remarks at 19th annual meeting of MMCWA.—MNA

Software to be on display at Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2009

YANGON, 30 April — Myanmar Information Technology Private Limited (MIT) will display its own software to be used in office, supermarket, mini market, store, hotel, hospital and web design and sell them at special discount at Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2009 to be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisaya Road here from 1 to 3 May. —MNA

Myanmar New Stars Industry Co Ltd holds prize presentation ceremony

YANGON, 30 April — Myanmar New Stars Industry Co Ltd held a prize presentation ceremony of Super Power & Speed engine oil and lubricants distribution (Yangon-Head Office) at No. Ka- 39, Room No. 9, Bayintnaung Market, Mayangon Township, Yangon on 25 April. First, Managing Director U Ko Lay of

Myanmar New Stars Industry Co Ltd made an introductory speech and presented prizes to 33 sales agents who sold most from 1 January to 31 December, 2008 including Ko Nay Win (Taunggyi), Aunty Win (Bayintnaung) and U Than (Bago) who stood first, second and third respectively.

Myanmar New Stars Industry Co distributes Super Power & Speed engine oil and lubricants imported from UAE as sole agent in Myanmar. Those who wish to purchase the engine oil and lubricants may contact the company (Ph: 01- 686263, 686306 and 686727).—MNA



MD U Ko Lay of Myanmar New Stars Industry Co Ltd presents prize to an outstanding sale agent.—MNA

Toll gate fees to be paid from No 3 Junction of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway to Nay Pyi Taw C Junction beginning 30-4-2009

Type of vehicles	from No 3 Junction to Pyu	from Pyu to Nay Pyi Taw	from No 3 Junction to Nay Pyi Taw
Vehicles under 1 ton	K 1,500	K 1,000	K 2,500
Vehicles under 3 tons	K 3,000	K 2,000	K 5,000
Vehicles under 5 tons	K 4,500	K 3,000	K 7,500
Vehicles under 10 tons	K 7,500	K 5,000	K 12,500

Public Works Ministry of Construction

MMCWA 19th annual meeting concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association concluded its 19th annual meeting at its office here this morning.

It was attended by MMCWA President Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Vice-President Daw Aye Aye, CEC members and central council members, Chairpersons of State/Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees, Secretaries

and joint-secretaries.

MMCWA President Daw Khin Saw Hnin presided over the meeting and Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha acted as MC and Joint-Secretary-2 Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay co-MC. Next, central council members gave suggestions on annual reports and papers of State/Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees. Central Council members urged more

efforts in providing health, education, economic and social sectors for mothers and children and their families and this should be made as the future plan.

The president, the vice-president and party reviewed suggestions and those present made three resolutions and adopted 12 future work programmes. The meeting ended with concluding remarks of the president.—MNA

MMCWA passes 3 resolutions, adopts 12 future work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April — The 19th Annual Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association took place at the association office here on 28 and 29 April. After the meeting, three resolutions were passed and 12 future work programmes laid down.

Three resolutions

1. To follow the instructions of National Health Committee as a work guideline
2. To participate in preparedness and response measures against global human flu and in times of emergencies in collaboration with departments, local and international social organizations, intellectuals and intelligentsia and the people under the leadership of the State in accord with the motto of World Health Day 2009 "Save lives. Make hospitals safe in emergencies."
3. To actively cooperate with government departments and the internal and international social organizations with the same aims in carrying out the tasks of the association.

Twelve future work programmes

1. To focus on rural areas and suburban areas in the drive for reducing mortality rate of pregnant women, infants and children under five.
2. To continue to turn out local auxiliary midwives and supervise for raising their quality
3. To strive for enabling families to have the habit of increasing their knowledge of nutrition and cooking nutritious food
4. To take preventive measures against infectious diseases including malaria, TB, HIV/AIDS and bird flu, and to inform to nearest health care centres as quickly as possible if the diseases break out
5. To place emphasis on educating the public about healthy living in order to prevent diseases
6. To carry out sanitation tasks in families' surrounding areas and to use clean water and fly-proof latrines in every house
7. To grow herbal plants and provide family health care based on traditional medicine
8. To create a healthy atmosphere for children and to establish garbage-, mosquito- and tobacco-free schools
9. To extend education promotion tasks
10. To open more pre-primary schools for all-round development of children, to ensure that all school-age children have education opportunities, that they complete primary education and that they get assistance to pursue middle and high school education
11. To open more training courses on small loans and domestic training in order to increase family income
12. To continue to turn out heads of ten households, to expedite health, education, social and economic tasks and to send lists of mortality rates by heads of ten households to nearest health centers. —MNA

Suspected suicide bomber attacks Ankara university

ANKARA, 30 April—A woman pretending to be a student detonated a bomb at an Ankara university during a visit by a former justice minister on Wednesday but no one was wounded, state news agency *Anatolian* said.

The woman, who was carrying explosives, approached former minister Hikmet Sami Turk as he visited the university, *Anatolian* said. The woman was detained and two separate explosives with fuses were found on her. Turk told NTV broadcaster the blast occurred about a metre from him. Turk was hated by left-wing organizations

for his policies when he was in office. Turk also said he had received death threats. "There has been a bomb attack, but it's over now, we don't know the details of the attack We think it's a suicide bomber," a Bilkent University source, who declined to be named, told *Reuters*.

Police have recently warned of an escalation in attacks by the outlawed, separatist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) in Turkey. Separately, nine soldiers died in a bomb blast blamed on the PKK in southeast Turkey.

MNA/Reuters

At least 13 shot dead in Azeri college shooting

BAKU, 30 April—A statement from the Azeri Health Ministry said 13 people had died in the shooting at the State Oil Academy in Baku, capital of the Muslim Caspian Sea state.

Police said the "terrorists" had been neutralised, but it was unclear how many gunmen were involved.

Police closed access roads and special forces surrounded the building, a *Reuters* reporter said. Photographs showed pools of blood on the steps to the university and paramedics carrying out bodies in bags.

Baku ambulance service chief Mursal Gamidov said there was one gunman, a citizen of neighbouring Georgia,



Thirteen people were shot dead at a university in oil-producing Azerbaijan on Thursday when at least one gunman open fire shortly after the bell rang for morning classes.—INTERNET

who appeared to be a student of the academy.

ANS said there appeared to be two gunmen. A student who asked not to be named told *Reuters* he also believed there were two attackers.

"As far as I know there were two terrorists," he said. "One of them

committed suicide and another was arrested by police."

He said the shooting started shortly after the bell rang for morning classes at 9 a.m. (0500 GMT). He said one gunman climbed the stairs firing on each of the six floors.—*Internet*



In this photo released by Goodyear, Tyler Shoff, 15, of Akron, Ohio, crosses the finish-line beating NASCAR driver Greg Biffle by more than three car lengths at the Goodyear Fuel Max Challenge, a quarter-mile soap box derby race held at Derby Downs, site of the All-American Soap Box Derby, in Akron, Ohio, on 29 April, 2009.—INTERNET

World can burn 25 pct of oil, coal "safely": Study

WASHINGTON, 30 April—The world can burn only a quarter of proven reserves of oil, gas and coal to be confident of staying within safer climate limits, unless untested carbon fixes work, experts said on Wednesday.

Two studies published in the journal *Nature*, scientists honed the basis for urgent climate action as the world tries to map by the end of this year agreement on a new treaty to replace the Kyoto Protocol.

People could burn no more oil, gas and coal in their homes, cars and factories after 2024, at current rates, to limit to one in five the chance of exceeding 2 degrees Celsius warming worldwide, one article found.

Carbon emissions are rising at about 3 percent a year, although that rate is expected to fall temporarily as a result of the recession.

Without urgent action the climate problem could get out of hand, becoming very difficult or impossible to contain within safer limits, both studies found.

Fighting climate change will be expensive, for example to replace cheap fossil fuels with more costly renewable energy.

Both *Nature* studies recommended that global emissions peak by 2020 or sooner. "Late and rapid reductions are risky, expensive and disruptive, and hence potentially politically infeasible," both researchers said in a joint commentary in *Nature*.

The second study said that people could only emit another 500 billion tonnes of carbon for all time, which they would do in the next 40 years at current rates. That implied a 50 percent chance of exceeding 2 degrees.—*Internet*

Chrysler to file for bankruptcy

WASHINGTON, 30 April—Chrysler LLC is expected to file for bankruptcy Thursday in Manhattan bankruptcy court, according to sources with direct knowledge of the situation.

An administration official said earlier on Thursday that the automaker would proceed with Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection proceedings now that talks with debtholders have broken down.

Meanwhile a small group of hedge funds rejected a final opportunity to restructure auto maker Chrysler outside of bankruptcy in negotiations with the US Treasury, an Obama administration

official said.

US officials had offered Chrysler's secured lenders \$2.25 billion in cash in exchange for forgiving their first lien debt, the official said.

"Their failure to act in either their own economic interest or the national interest does not diminish the accomplishments made by Chrysler, Fiat and its stakeholders nor will it

impede the new opportunity Chrysler now has to restructure and emerge stronger going forward," the official said.

As of Thursday morning, Chrysler still had not gained the bondholder support it needs to move forward with a restructuring and avoid the first-ever bankruptcy filing by a Big Three US automaker.—*Internet*

186 mln in US live with dangerous air pollution

WASHINGTON, 30 April—Six in 10 US residents—more than 186 million people—live in areas with dangerous levels of air pollution, the American Lung Association reported on Wednesday. The air in many US cities became dirtier last year, the association said in its annual "State of the Air" report. "Despite almost 40 years since the Clean Air Act passed in 1970, six in 10 Americans still live in dirty air areas, areas where the air is unhealthy to breathe," the group's Paul Billings said in a telephone interview.—*MNA/Reuters*

A matador performs a dangerous pass during a bullfight in the Maestranza Bullring in Sevilla, Spain. INTERNET



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Philippines to slash coal use

MANILA, 30 April—The Philippines plans to reduce its energy dependence on coal over the next five years to lessen carbon emissions which contribute to climate change, an energy official said on Tuesday.

"Part of the plan is to reduce the share of coal in the total energy generation mix from more than 20 percent at present to a range of 10 to 15 percent in five years," said Energy Undersecretary Zamzamin Ampatuan.

Ampatuan said this is part of a five-year Clean Energy Investment Plan that the government will release in three months.

Ampatuan told a press conference that the plan will encourage the development of renewable energy through incentives to investors.

The plan will also include building more electric-powered mass transport systems, like overhead railways, to reduce oil use, he said.

A recent Asian Development Bank (ADB) study said that climate change "could cut the country's gross domestic product by about seven percent annually towards the end of this century."

It also emphasized that the Philippines along with Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam were "vulnerable" to climate change caused by carbon emissions.—Internet

India bans circulation of US DVDs without authorization

NEW DELHI, 30 April—India's Delhi High Court has ruled that renting of imported American DVDs was against law, said the local Hindi daily *Navbharat Times* on Tuesday.

The court has ruled that if a movie rental shop buys CDs, DVDs or blue ray discs in bulk from American markets and puts in circulation in India, in form of renting or otherwise, it will make up a violation of law, according to the report.

The court said imported DVDs without authorization of the Indian censor board and copyrights documents cannot be circulated in public, although one can buy CDs or DVDs from other countries for personal viewing at home.

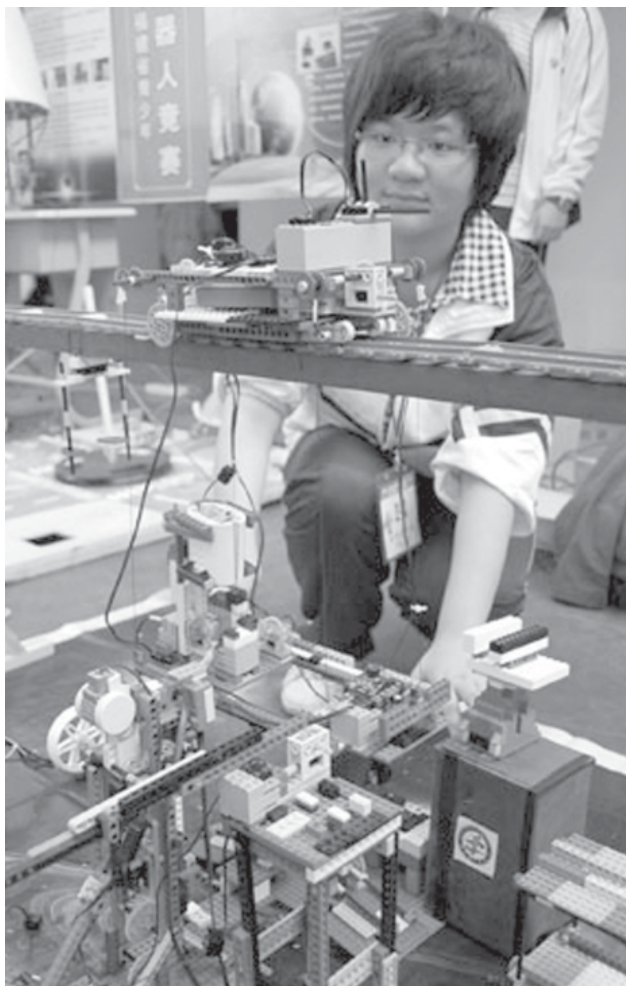
The US Hollywood firm Warner Bros. Entertainment has earlier filed a petition at the court requesting the ban of circulation of US DVDs in India, saying it violates the copyrights of American movie producers.

The court has ruled that screening rights of a movie are limited only to a particular country or area, so a movie which has been given screening rights in the US cannot be screened in India without authorization.

MNA/Xinhua

Li Wanyu, a contestant competes during the Juvenile Robot Contest of Fujian Province in Putian City, southeast China's Fujian Province, recently.

XINHUA



Ship of Vietnamese rice export welcoming good wind

HANOI, 30 April—Vietnam has so far this year shipped nearly 2.5 million tons of rice, bringing in export turnover of 1.16 billion US dollars, up 50 percent in volume and 44 percent in value compared with the same period last year, said Vietnam's General Statistics Office on Tuesday.

According to Vietnam Food Association, Vietnam has signed contracts to export four million tons of rice out of the five million ton target this year.

Despite the rice export figure in the first months of this year showing positive signs for the local rice exporters amid the global economic downturn, export prices are declining, said the association.

The country's rice in April was exported at 406.5 US dollars a ton on average, down 26 US dollars a ton over the same month last year. This price is likely to go down due to competitive prices of foreign rice producers like Thailand and India, said the association. The association is considering the proposal of exporting an additional 200,000 tons of rice this year to the government for approval, raising the total rice export volume to 5.2 million tons.—Internet

Venezuela seizes over 2,700 tons of illegal drug materials

CARACAS, 30 April—Venezuela this year has seized more than 2,700 tons of chemical materials used for producing illegal drugs, officials said on Monday.

Director of the National Office Against-Drugs (ONA) Nestor Reverol told reporters about the figures at the opening of the workshop "Mechanisms of Control and Full Use of Chemical Substances", sponsored by the Inter-American Commission for Controlling Drug Abuse of the Organization of American States (OAS).

Reverol said the training of the staff is very important for Venezuela to stop the trafficking of illegal drug substances.

To the moment some 700 officers in the country are well-trained to identify these substances, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Danish wind firm Vestas cuts 1,900 jobs

COPENHAGEN, 30 April—The world's biggest wind energy group, Vestas of Denmark, said on Tuesday it would cut 1,900 jobs in northern Europe due to slumping demand, and posted a 70 percent rise in first-quarter net profits. Vestas in a statement cited "overcapacity" in its northern European plants, which produce wind turbines for American markets, and said there was also not enough demand in Europe to match current production, making layoffs necessary.

The group said its net profits in the first quarter of 2009 were 56 million euros (73 million dollars), up 70 percent on the previous quarter, beating analysts' forecasts.—Internet



A Vestas windmill in operation in Denmark. The world's biggest wind energy group has said it will cut 1,900 jobs across northern Europe due to slumping demand, and posted a 70 percent rise in first-quarter net profits.—INTERNET

National book trading expo opens

BEIJING, 30 April—The eastern coastal city of Qingdao is hosting an auxiliary event to the 19th National Book Trading Expo in Jinan. Available at the book carnival are some 160 thousand titles from more than four hundred domestic publishers.

The Book Expo's Qingdao branch is the largest ever show of its kind in the port city. The development of China's publishing industry is presented through print

publications, animation and video games, copyrights, and periodicals.

On display are results of heavyweight projects like "The Complete Canon of Chinese Literature" and "Commentaries on Chinese Thinkers." Also available are more accessible and affordable titles. Even better are the discounts.

Book buyer Zhong Wei said, "I haven't added them up yet. These books cost about three thousand yuan. I believe. All of

them are at discounted prices, mostly thirty to fifty percent. I never had such bargains at bookstores. I love classical literature, so I bought all these books."

Many of the books deal with social sciences, literature and arts, and the 60-year history of the People's Republic of China. Most evident is the increasing integration of traditional publishing operation with the new media.

Internet



Photo taken on 24 April shows the stalactite in the Furong Karst Cave in Wulong County of southwest China's Chongqing. About 30 different kinds of Sedimentary Characteristics can be found in the single cave, with an area of 37,000 square metres, which draws attention of many experts and tourists.—INTERNET



People look at three Manchurian tiger cubs enjoying the sunshine at the Kunshun Zoo in Kunshan City of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 29 April, 2009.—INTERNET

China International Animation Festival opens



Visitors step around a weird cartoonic figure exhibited at the cartoon & animation industry fair, at the World Leisure Expo Garden, in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 29 April, 2009.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 30 April—The American animated feature "Kungfu Panda" and China's "Calabash Brothers" are the big winners at the China International Cartoon and Animation Festival in Hangzhou. Popular cartoon characters opened the Festival on Tuesday evening. More than 15 hundred entries from home and abroad are competing for China's

highest animation film award, "The Monkey King," named after well-loved legendary hero.

Among the top choices are the film version of the popular TV animation "Happy Sheep and Grey Wolf", "The Monkey King" and the sequel of the African adventure "Madagascar". The American "Kungfu Panda" took top prize for foreign animation.

Sun Lijun, the head of Animation Institute of Beijing Film Academy said, "Kungfu, panda, and chopsticks are all Chinese elements. The effect is good. We should pay more attention to the beauty and humor just around us and borrow from them."

The biggest Chinese winner is "Calabash Brothers," which revives a popular 1987 TV series on big screen.—Internet

S Korea lifts ban on stem cell research

SEOUL, 30 April—South Korea Wednesday conditionally lifted a ban on stem cell research using human eggs, three years after outlawing the practice because a scientist was found to have faked his work.

The national committee on bioethics said it agreed to approve a new research project if scientists meet certain conditions.

The committee banned such research in 2006 after Hwang Woo-Suk's claims that he created the first human stem cells through cloning were ruled to be bogus. A team from Seoul's Cha General Hospital had sought approval for its stem cell project using aborted human eggs to develop cures for grave human diseases.

"The hospital will be allowed to go ahead with its project if it meets four conditions," a committee official told AFP. He said details would be announced later.

South Korean scientists have urged the government to allow embryonic stemcell research, especially after US President Barack Obama this year lifted a ban on federal funding for such research.—Internet



The stem cell research facility where disgraced scientist Hwang Woo-Suk operated in Seoul, South Korea. The country has conditionally lifted a ban on research using human eggs, three years after outlawing the practice because Hwang Woo-Suk was found to have faked his work. INTERNET

HK scientists developing rapid test for swine flu

BEIJING, 30 April—Hong Kong said Monday it has assigned a team of scientists to develop a test that will hopefully cut the time it takes to diagnose the new swine flu strain from a few days to a few hours.

Researchers in Hong Kong played a big role in discovering and determining how to treat SARS — a separate deadly virus that spread rapidly in 2003, killing more than 900 people. The island was the

A newspaper headline of swine flu is seen on a downtown street in Hong Kong on 27 April, 2009.—INTERNET

second hardest hit after mainland China.

Thomas Tsang, controller for Hong Kong's Center for Health Protection, said the government and the territory's universities are jointly developing the rapid swine flu test using genetic information on the virus from

the World Health Organization. Such data is shared with designated flu laboratories worldwide.

"We will look at the information, including its genetic makeup, and we can produce a test correspondingly," Tsang said in Hong Kong.

Internet



Smoking, hypertension cause most premature deaths

NEW YORK, 30 April—Hundreds of thousands of deaths every year in the US could be prevented by tackling just a few risk factors, according to a new study out today in the journal PLoS Medicine.

Dr Majid Ezzati of Harvard University and colleagues estimated the toll of poor diet, high blood pressure, cigarette smoking, sedentary lifestyle and other factors by determining how 2005 mortality data would change if each were eliminated.

Internet

SPORTS

Roma's Doni out for 3 months after knee operation

ROME, 30 April—AS Roma's challenge for a top four Serie A finish and Champions League football has been hit after goalkeeper Doni was ruled out for three months with a knee injury.

Roma released a statement claiming the Brazilian needs an operation on the cartilage in his right knee, a process that usually requires three months of recuperation.

Roma currently sit sixth in Serie A, six points behind fourth-placed Fiorentina, who thrashed them 4-1 last weekend, with just five matches remaining.

Internet

United edges Arsenal in Champions League



Sir Alex Ferguson (pictured) has warned his Manchester United side that they still have it all to do in their Champions League semi-final second leg against Arsenal next week, after United's narrow 1-0 first leg victory at Old Trafford.—INTERNET

Manchester, 30 April—Sir Alex Ferguson has warned his Manchester United side that they still have it all to do in their Champions League semi-final second leg against Arsenal next week.

The holders will carry the narrowest of advantages into the fixture, after John O'Shea's strike — only his second goal in 60 Champions League appearances — gave them a 1-0 win at Old Trafford in Wednesday night's first leg.

United might easily have won by a more comfortable margin and, although their manager was happy with his side's performance, he was quick to dismiss any notion that a place in next month's final in Rome is assured.

Internet

Murray out of Rome Tennis as Federer, Nadal cruise

ROME, 30 April—World number four Andy Murray was the major casualty on the third day of the ATP Rome clay court Masters on Wednesday as top two seeds Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer breezed into the third round.

Qualifier Juan Monaco dumped fourth seed Murray out of the second round following an epic three-set match that lasted two hours, 40 minutes. The Argentine clay specialist made a mockery of his number 58 world ranking to come through 1-6, 6-3, 7-5

against an out-of-sorts Murray, whose dreadful Rome record continued.

Internet



Swiss Roger Federer returns a forehand to Croat Ivo Karlovic during their ATP Rome Masters. Federer won 6-4, 6-4.—INTERNET

O'Neill keen on Old Firm joining EPL



Aston Villa manager Martin O'Neill

BIRMINGHAM, 30 April—Martin O'Neill added his backing on Wednesday to plans for Scottish giants Celtic and Rangers to play in the English Premier League. Bolton chairman Phil Gartside has put forward proposals which would see the Premier League create a second division, including the 'Old Firm' Aston Villa manager O'Neill, who won three Scottish titles and three Scottish FA Cups while in charge of Celtic from 2000 to 2005, believes such a move would be mutually beneficial to both of the Glasgow clubs and the EPL.

"My personal thought is that Celtic and Rangers would enhance the Barclays Premier League," he told Aston Villa TV, the club's own television station. "Glasgow is a phenomenal football city. Celtic house 60,000 fans and Rangers house 50,000 fans every game. I'm not sure about Rangers but I know Celtic's capacity could go from 60,000 to 80,000 overnight, without a doubt.—Internet

Tennis ace Jankovic strolls into second round

STUTTGART, 30 April—Defending champion Jelena Jankovic needed just over an hour to breeze past Slovakian teenager Dominika Cibulkova 6-1, 6-1 on Wednesday and book her place in the second round of Stuttgart's WTA tournament.

Having finished last year as world number one, Jankovic has dropped to fourth in the WTA rankings but the 24-year-old had no problems against her first round opponent as she bids to defend her title here on clay.

"I have struggled for form recently and it is important to enjoy my tennis and I enjoyed that today," said Jankovic. "I expected a tough match, because in the past she has given me trouble"—Internet



Jelena Jankovic of Serbia serves to Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova during their first round tennis match of the WTA tournament in Stuttgart. Jankovic won 6-1, 6-1.—INTERNET

Barcelona slam Chelsea tactics after draw

BARCELONA, 30 April—Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola reacted angrily at what he saw as the referee's leniency towards English side Chelsea's physical approach in their 0-0 Champions League semi-final first leg match.

Chelsea went away with mission accomplished after they stood firm against a barrage from Barcelona at the Camp Nou and become the first side this season in the competition to stop Barca from scoring at home. As expected Barca took the game to Chelsea and enjoyed the vast majority of the possession but they were unable to find a way through to goal for the first time at home this season in the competition.

Petr Cech made a couple of important blocks from Samuel Eto'o and substitute Alexandr Hleb but too often they were restricted to strikes from distance. "It is difficult to play against a team which doesn't want to play football," stormed 37-year-old Guardiola, who has worked wonders with the side since replacing the sacked Frank Rijkaard for this season.

Bremen no problem for Jol as Hamburg eye Euro crown

BREMEN, 30 April—Hamburg coach Martin Jol is relishing facing Bundesliga rivals Werder Bremen in Thursday's UEFA Cup semi-final despite the heart-break of losing to them on penalties in the German Cup last week.

Goalkeeper Tim Wiese was Bremen's hero in Hamburg when he broke home fans' hearts with three consecutive saves in the penalty shoot-out to hand his side a 3-1 victory on spot kicks in the German Cup semi-final. And with Hamburg fourth in the Bundesliga, while Bremen languish in 10th, Jol is not bothered by last week's cup defeat at the hands of Bremen or the 2-0 upset at Dortmund in the league last Saturday.

Internet



Martin Jol (right), head coach of German first division football club Hamburger SV, gives instructions to his players during a training session.—INTERNET

A different look for Tiger, Phil at Quail Hollow

CHARLOTTEN, 30 April—A bank's name in the tournament title isn't the only thing missing at Quail Hollow. That thick rough lining the fairways is gone, too. "There's definitely a different setup," said Jim Furyk, a past winner of what is now the Quail Hollow Championship. "We've come here a lot of times where the rough has been very deep, thick. It's been a huge premium on accuracy. And the rough is very low this year, as low as I've ever seen it, and probably as low as I've seen it in almost any tour event I've ever played, outside of Harbortown.

"Obviously, it's a different style."

The PGA Tour has been looking for variety in the way it sets up a golf course, and the staff had a surprise for the Quail Hollow Championship. The rough has been cut at 2 inches, so instead of players having to take a mighty hack out of the thick grass with hopes of reaching the green, they now can get a little more creative with their options.—Internet



Chelsea's defender John Terry (bottom) slides in to challenge Barcelona's defender Daniel Alves during their Champions League semi-final, first-leg match at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. The game ended 0-0.—INTERNET

Internet



Elderly couples dance at the Temple of Heaven park in Beijing, China.—INTERNET

Invisibility cloak edges closer

WASHINGTON, 30 April—Unlike previous such “cloaks”, the new work does not employ metals, which introduce losses of light and result in imperfect cloaking.

Because the approach can be scaled down further in size, researchers say this is a major step towards a cloak that would work for visible light.

One of the research teams describes its miniature “carpet cloak” in the journal Nature Materials. This “carpet” design was based on a theory first described by John Pendry, from Imperial College London, in 2008.

Michal Lipson and her team at Cornell University demonstrated a cloak based on the concept. Xiang Zhang, professor of mechanical engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, led the other team.

This is not the first time an invisibility cloak has been made, but previous designs have used metals, whereas the carpet cloak is built using a dielectric - or insulating material - which absorbs far less light. Metals introduce a lot of loss, or reduce the light intensity,” said Professor Zhang. This loss can leave a darkened spot in the place of the cloaked object. So using silicon, a material that absorbs very little light, is a “big step forward,” he says.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (1.5.2009) (Friday)

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

Local Transmission

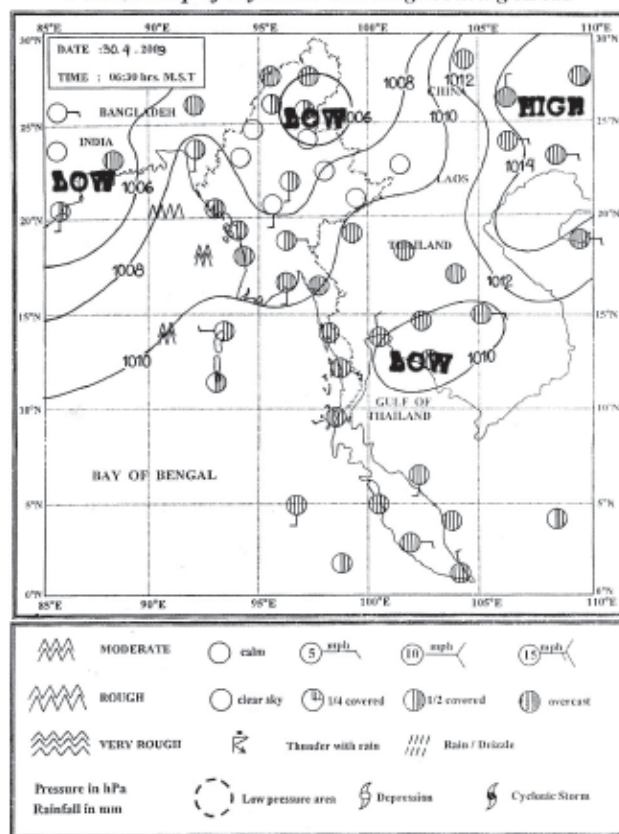
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * More Railroad Networks consolidate Solidarity
- * The Pindaya Natural Cave
- * Myanmar Traditional Food.....Soya Bean
- * Welcome to Ngwe Hsaung
- * Myanma Crocodiles
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Unforgettable Traditions of Pa-O Nationals
- * National Races Village (Muse)
- * National Progress through Regional Development
- * One Day Trip to Sanka Village
- * Products made from Myanma Water Hyacinth
- * Myanma Broom
- * Wood Finishing Industry
- * Progressive Images of Rakhine State
- * Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-V)
- * More Railroad Networks consolidate Solidarity
- * The Pindaya Natural Cave
- * Myanmar Traditional Food.....Soya Bean
- * Welcome to Ngwe Hsaung
- * Myanma Crocodiles
- * The Image of Light Creators
- * Precious Lobsters
- * Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-VI)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 30 April, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Bago and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Shan, Chin, Kayah and Mon States, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Kayin, Mon States and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were NyaungU and Minbu (42°C) each, Monywa and Magway (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bago (1.89) inches, Thawady (0.28) inch and Yey (0.27) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-4-2009 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 30-4-2009 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-4-2009 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 29-4-2009 was (7.2) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 30-4-2009 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (1.14) inches at Mingaladon, (2.01) inches at Kaba-Aye and (5.28) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 29-4-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 1st May 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Shan, Kayin and Mon States, isolated in Kachin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-5-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 1 May
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:00 am
6. Song of yesteryear
- 8:10 am
7. ယောက္ခမအဖြစ်အကွက်
- 8:20 am
8. Musical programme
- 8:30 am
9. International news
- 8:45 am
10. “ဆုံဆည်းခွင့်” (ဖိုးသောကြာ၊ မင်းထက်ကျော်စင်၊ မြတ်ကောသီအောင်၊ ချစ်သူဝေ)
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm
2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:20 pm
3. Musical programme

- 4:30 pm
4. Dance of national races
- 4:40 pm
5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 4:55 pm
6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ်(မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)
- 5:05 pm
7. မျိုးချစ်စိတ်ဓာတ်ရှင်သန် ထက်မြက်ရေးတေးများ
- 5:20 pm
8. နွေဦးဂီတအနုပညာသံသရာ
- 5:35 pm
9. အကြော်ခံဆီအန္တရာယ်
- 5:45 pm
10. Musical programme

- 6:00 pm
11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
13. သုတစုံလင်ရေညစ်ကုန်
- 7:05 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “နားခိုရာရင်ခွင်” (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 8:00 pm
15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
- 19. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးပိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာတာဝန် နာမာများဖြင့်တရားတော်

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

Government of the Union of Myanmar

Ministry of Home Affairs

Announcement (1/2009)

**Nay Pyi Taw, 7th Waxing of Kason 1371 ME
(30 April 2009)**

BLC, related organizations declared unlawful associations

1. The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council believes and assumes that the objectives and acts of the Burma Lawyers' Council and its members, and related organizations and persons are hurtful to the rule of law in the Union of Myanmar, stability of the State and community peace.
2. According to Section 16 of Unlawful Associations Act, the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council hereby announces in line with Section 15 (2) of Unlawful Associations Act that the above-mentioned organization and related organizations are unlawful associations.

By order,
Maj-Gen Maung Oo
Minister
Ministry of Home Affairs

Myanma Railways to complete nationwide railroad network

Article: Saw Aung (Tikyit); Photo: Myanma Alin

The Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation is spreading its wings locally. It is heartening to know that the Myanma Railways is constructing new railroads across the nation for the comfort and

convenience of the people in the transport sector. The area on the west bank of the Ayeyawady River has seen a railroad that stretches to Pakokku through Patheingyi, Hinthada and Kyangin. The construction of 320 miles long Kyangin-

Pakokku Railroad is ongoing now. On 22 March 2009, Okshitpin-Kanma section of the railroad was put into commission. As a result, there has been smooth transport between one region and another. The government is trying to improve the transport

sector by constructing a large number of roads, railroads and bridges throughout the country including border areas, spending huge funds to overcome the geographical barriers to transport in compliance with the guidance given

by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe saying that smooth transport not only raised the living standard of the people but also served as a fundamental factor for fortifying the unity of national brethren.
(See page 7)



The opening of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Myohaung dual railroad in progress on 24 November 2007.

Myanmar tops group with unbeaten run in AFC qualifier

YANGON, 30 April— The third day's football matches of AFC Challenge Cup qualifier for 2009 continued in Bangabandhu stadium, Dhaka this evening.

Myanmar won over Cambodia with 1-0 in the group-A. The match ended with a goalless draw in the first half. However, Yazar Win Thein broke the deadlock at the stoppage time of the second half.

Myanmar tops in the group-A with three wins in three matches on nine points and advancing a spot in AFC Challenge Cup qualifier.

Myanmar team will arrive back on 2 May morning.—MNA