

The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Union Spirit is genuine patriotic spirit of national races

Serving interests of people reflects Union Spirit

Tatmadawmen to protect interests of national people of regions where they are assigned



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing addresses Passing out of Parade of 114th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School.

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NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the passing out parade of the 114th intake of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School at the parade ground of the school in Bahtoo Tatmyo today.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Kalaw Station commander, Bahtoo Station commander, the commandant of the training school and invited guests.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing took the salute of the cadet companies and presented the best cadet award to Cadet Phyo Wai Aung.

In his address, General Min

Aung Hlaing said that the Tatmadaw has trained the cadets to assign them as the leaders of the Tatmadaw in the future. The cadets were trained enabling them to serve the interests of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw, he said.

The cadets should not consider themselves as qualified leaders as they have just been assigned as officers. They are to continue to pursue good leadership skills while serving their duties, he added.

Leadership means the abilities to systematically combine the physical and mental prowess of human beings to get a strength. Besides, a good leader should act as a role model to show his true leadership which helps him winning trust and confidence of his men and others, he said. Therefore, cadets are to pursue 16 leadership skills to become qualified leaders.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 9 April, 2011

Take precaution against heat

According to weather forecasts, temperature might be rising these days. In April, the temperature has increased more than average in upper Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, Ayeyawady Region, Taninthayi Region and Kachin State. Significant day temperatures are 44 degree Celsius in Chauk and 41 degree Celsius in Hsinbyugyun.

As it is now in summer, the weather has become extremely hot. Due to intense heat, one can sweat a lot and lose the water and minerals in his body. As a consequence, he may feel tired and dizzy and get cramp in his legs. What's more, he may have high temperature after the sweat has been dried up, lose consciousness and even die in serious condition.

In this regard, the Health Ministry has issued public warnings in order that the people can take preventative measures. As health educative measures are being taken seasonally, the people on their part are to follow the warnings systematically.

To avoid any consequences caused by heat, people are advised to put on hats and umbrellas and wear loose cotton clothes and white or light-coloured clothes when going out in the afternoon. Children and elderly people should rest in a shady place with good ventilation, take dehydrated solution when over-sweating and put on Thanakha when rashes come out.

Drinking alcohol should be avoided as it can exacerbate the heat in the body. People should avoid bathing in the plain, by the river or by the sea during the period between 10 am and 5 pm. Moreover, one should avoid taking a bath or washing the face with iced water as soon as he has arrived home.

As health and fitness is essential for everyone, it is necessary to keep personal hygiene and keep the environment clean and tidy. Above all, everyone can be healthy and happy by following the warnings against the heat in this hot season.

Maha Thingyan Tour Gold Cup Golf Tournament on 13-16 April

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Nay Pyi Taw Mayor's Maha Thingyan Tour Gold Cup Golf Tournament 2011 will be held at Royal Myanmar golf course and Myodaw golf course, from 13 to 16 April.

Professional Myanmar PGA level and Amateur level (Handicap 0-12 level) may compete in the contest by paying fees. Handsome prizes will go to Hole-in-one winners. Individual prizes for professional and amateur levels only will be awarded.

The tournament will be held in line with rules of Myanmar Golf Federation and regional rules designated by the golf courses.

Golfers who want to participate in the tournament are to register at Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee not later than 8 April (Ph-067-414617, 414289 and Fax: 414753).—MNA

People's Voice

- * 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

Home Affairs Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko received Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua at the ministry, here, yesterday afternoon.

They cordially discussed further cooperation in ministerial tasks between two countries.—MNA

Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko receives Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua.—MNA



Health Minister visits Medical Research Department (Central Myanmar)



Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin visits Medical Research Department (Central Myanmar).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin inspected Medical Research Department (Central Myanmar) here on 6 April morning. There, he met Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo, those in-charge of the department and medical staff, and heard

the director-general's reports on forming of the medical research department, its ongoing tasks, progress of post-graduate courses and further studied abroad.

The minister and Deputy Ministers Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Dr Win Myint looked around laboratories inside the medical research department and called for producing laboratory specialists.

The minister then fulfilled the needs of Region/State level medical heads and deputy directors-general.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu being welcomed by Ambassador of Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Kim Sok Chol at the reception to mark 99th Birthday of leader of DPRK Mr Kim Il Sung at Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon on 8 April.

MNA

NATO kills policeman who shot US trainers

KANDAHAR, 8 April—NATO says a joint operation by Afghan and coalition troops killed a border policeman who had shot dead two US soldiers earlier this week.

NATO says the operation took place in Northern Faryab Province on Thursday and also led to the arrest of two militants.

On Monday, an Afghan border policeman shot and killed Sgt Scott H Burgess, 32, of Franklin, Texas, and Sgt Michael S Lammerts, 26, of Tonawanda, New York. Both had been training Afghan security forces. They had been assigned to the 1st Battalion, 84th Field Artillery Regiment, 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team from Baumholder, Germany.

Monday's shooting took place inside a base in Faryab and the border policeman fled.—*Internet*



Smoke billows from a police compound after it was attacked by insurgents in Kandahar, south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 7 April, 2011. Insurgent suicide bombers and gunmen stormed an Afghan police compound Thursday, setting off explosions and firing assault rifles in a coordinated attack that killed six members of the Afghan security forces.

INTERNET



Iraqi security forces search cars at a mobile checkpoint in Baghdad recently. Six members of the Iraqi security forces were killed just before dawn on Saturday when their control post in the village of Kubisa, 200 kilometres (125 miles) west of Baghdad, was attacked by armed raiders, a police spokesman said.

INTERNET

Somali pirates hijack German vessel

NAIROBI, 8 April—Somali pirates have hijacked Antigua and Barbuda flagged and German owned vessel, approximately 200 nautical miles North-East of Salalah, Oman; a location only 35 nautical miles from the Omani coastline, EU anti-piracy mission said on Friday.—*Xinhua*

Afghanistan orders probe of civilian deaths in NATO raid

KABUL, 8 April—Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai has ordered probe of a NATO-led raid that killed five civilians this week.

The raid took place in the Northern Province of Sar-e Pol, but NATO claims that all those killed or arrested were militants.

Karzai has asked Sar-e Pol Governor Sayed Anwar Rahmati to establish the identity of the victims and to find out the exact circumstances of the killings, the BBC reports.

A statement from the NATO-

led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) confirmed that ISAF and Afghan forces had carried out the operation jointly on Monday.

When asked if ISAF had anything to add to its statement in the light of reports of civilian casualties, a spokesman said: "We are aware of the reports. We fully support President Karzai's decision and we look forward to the results of the investigation."

The investigation comes as tensions grow over the killings of civilians by NATO.—*Internet*

Eight injured in blast in southwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 8 April—At least eight people were injured in a blast that took place Friday afternoon at a market in a town named Panjgur in the southern part of Pakistan's southwest Province of Balochistan, reported local Urdu TV channel DAWN.

According to the report, the explosion occurred at about 12:20 pm local time when an improvised explosive device went off at a market place in Panjgur town.

While most of the local media reports said that only eight people were hurt in the blast, one local English TV channel Express said seven were killed in the incident.

More details about the blast are not available at this stage.

In another development, a blast that occurred Friday afternoon in the northwest tribal area of Mohmand Agency adjacent to Afghanistan injured four people including two women.—*Xinhua*

A NATO soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 April—A soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed in a blast on Thursday in Afghanistan's restive southern Provinces, bringing to two the number of militant alliance casualties in a single day, ISAF confirmed in a statement on Friday.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in southern Afghanistan

yesterday," said the brief statement released here by ISAF.

Another NATO service member was killed in an militant attack in country's eastern region on the same day Thursday.

However, the military alliance did not disclose the nationalities of the victims, saying "It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities."—*Internet*



Soldiers gather at the site of a bomb attack that occurred in the town of Kanaan, 70 km (43 miles) northeast of Baghdad recently. A car bomb attack on an Iraqi army unit killed at least eight soldiers and wounded 12 others in Kanaan, officials and security sources said.

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Israeli soldiers stand by a school bus that was hit by an anti-tank missile fired by Gaza militants. The United States Thursday denounced an attack in southern Israel after Hamas claimed responsibility for firing an anti-tank missile at a school bus, critically injuring a teenager.—INTERNET

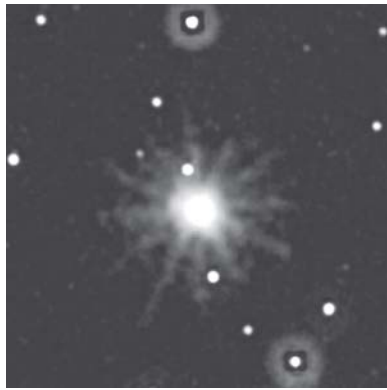
Explosions hit three gas pipelines in Iran, halt flow

TEHERAN, 8 April—Iran's semiofficial *Mehr News Agency* says three explosions have hit gas pipelines near the country's holy City of Qom, in the same area where simultaneous blasts took place two months ago. The lines carry gas from Iran's gas refineries in the south to the country's northwest.

The report says Friday's explosions cut the gas flow through those lines but power plants switched to oil for electricity production. *Mehr* says an investigation is under way as to what caused the blasts.—*Internet*



Science



This 28 March, 2011 image provided by NASA shows composited images from Swift's Ultraviolet/Optical and X-ray telescopes of a gamma-ray explosion designated GRB 110328A.
INTERNET

Space telescopes observe unusual cosmic blast

WASHINGTON, 8 April—Astronomers are puzzling over an extraordinary cosmic blast in a distant galaxy.

The gamma-ray explosion was observed on 28 March by NASA's *Swift* satellite. Flaring from such an event usually lasts a couple of hours.

Scientists say this blast is unusual because the effects are long-lasting.

More than a week later, they continue to see high-energy radiation spiking and fading at the source.

The burst was likely caused by a star that was ripped apart after drifting too close to a supermassive black hole.

Since the explosion, the Hubble Space Telescope and Chandra X-ray Observatory have focused on the aftermath. Hubble will observe if the galaxy's core changes brightness in the coming days.

The galaxy is 3.8 billion light years from Earth.

A light year is about 6 trillion miles.

INTERNET

China to launch eighth orbiter for indigenous global navigation network

XICHANG, 8 April—China will launch the eighth orbiter into space in "coming days" as part of its construction of an indigenous satellite navigation and positioning network.

The "Beidou," or Compass, navigation satellite will be launched on a Long March-3A carrier rocket, said an unidentified spokesman for the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province.

The satellite and rocket are now in good conditions, according to the spokesman.

The satellite will join seven others already in orbit to form a network, which will eventually consist of 35 satellites.

The network will provide satellite navigation, time and short message services for Asia-Pacific regions by 2012 and global services by 2020.

INTERNET



People view a specimen during the Body Worlds and the Cycle of Life exhibition at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, the United States, on 5 April, 2011.
XINHUA



Technology



An employee sets up new iPad 2's at a computer store in Berlin, on 25 March, 2011.
XINHUA

Fujifilm releases ultra-sensitive Z900 EXR camera

TOKYO, 8 April—Fujifilm has unveiled its new fully-loaded FinePix Z900 EXR point-and-shoot camera. The Z900 has a 16-megapixel, backside-illuminated CMOS sensor that is especially sensitive to light. The camera is an upgrade to the Z800 model and will retail for \$280.

The Z900 is the latest model in Fujifilm's Z-series stylish compact camera line. But the camera is more than just glossy good looks and an 18.2mm thin metal body—it also packs an impressive array of features. It has a wide-angle, 5x optical zoom lens; shoots full 1080p HD movies; and sports a 3.5-inch wide LCD touchscreen. The camera is capable of high-speed continuous shooting at up to 12 frames

per second (fps), and can capture high-speed videos at an impressive 320 fps. Other fun modes include 360-degree panoramas, face detection, and red-eye removal.

The Z900 also includes a couple of features that make it easy to share images. On the camera's touchscreen, you can set aside photos or videos that you want to upload to Facebook or YouTube. When you upload the marked images to your computer (which will need to have the camera's FinePix Studio software installed), it should only take a click of a button to transfer them to your desired social networks. If social networking isn't your style, then you can use the camera's mini-HDMI port to display your images on your HDTV.—*Internet*

Apple iPad 2 tops US magazine's tablet ratings

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 April—Apple Inc's iPad 2 has topped the ratings by Consumer Reports, an influential US magazine for product reviews, in the latest tests of the 10 most-promising tablet computers. According to the ratings released on Tuesday, the Apple iPad 2 with Wi-Fi plus 3G (32G), which is priced at 730 US dollars, topped the ratings, scoring "excellent" in nearly every category.

Besides several models from Apple, other brands tested include Archos, Dell, Motorola, Samsung and Viewsonic. Each tablet was evaluated on 17 criteria, including touch-screen responsiveness, versatility, portability, screen glare and ease of use.

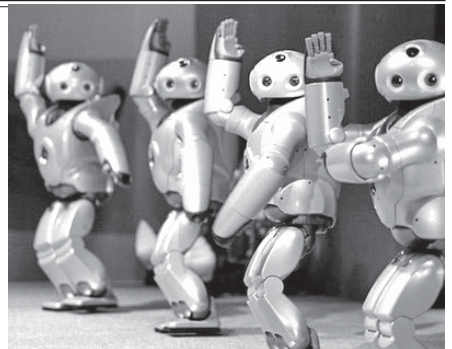
"So far, Apple is leading the tablet market in both quality and price, which is unusual for a company whose products are usually premium priced," Paul Reynolds, electronics editor at Consumer Reports, said in a statement.

The Motorola Xoom, whose price is 800 dollars, stood out as the iPad 2's main rival. It boasts several features that the iPad lacks, including a built-in memory card reader and support for the Flash videos.

The first-generation iPad, priced at 580 dollars, also outscored many of the other models tested but tied with the Motorola Xoom, according to tests by Consumer Reports.—*Xinhua*

Robots made by Sony put on a dance performance in Tokyo in 2005. US senators unveiled an initiative Monday to try to narrow the US gap with Asian nations more advanced in robotics, proposing exposing American high school students to a curriculum heavier on technology and science.

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Health



A research team member looks through a microscope of bacteria use for producing antibody against malaria.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Protect your skin after hair loss

People who lose their hair — temporarily from chemotherapy or disease, or permanently — are more vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer on the scalp and face.

The US National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases suggests how to help protect the skin after hair loss:

- * Apply sunscreen on any exposed area, including the face and scalp.
- * Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun's glare.
- * Don a scarf, hat or wig to shield the scalp from sun exposure and provide warmth.
- * If you've lost nose hair, apply a small amount of antibiotic ointment inside the nostrils.—Internet

Parkinson's linked to prostate cancer

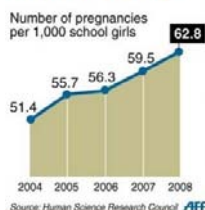
SALT LAKE CITY, 8 April— Parkinson's disease is associated with an increased risk of prostate cancer and melanoma, University of Utah School of Medicine researchers suggest.

Study co-author Dr. Stefan-M Pulst, a professor at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, says most studies demonstrate people with Parkinson's disease have an overall decreased rate of cancer except for melanoma — the most serious form of skin cancer.

Using the Utah Population Database — data for more than 2.2 million individuals some going back 15 generations — we were able to explore the association of Parkinson's disease with different types of cancer by studying cancer risk in individuals with Parkinson's disease, as well as their close and distant relatives," he said in a statement.

Pulst and colleagues, Dr. Seth A. Kareus and Karla P. Figueroa, identified nearly 3,000 individuals with at least three generations of genealogical data who had Parkinson's disease listed as their cause of death. The researchers found the risk of prostate cancer and melanoma within this Parkinson's disease population was significantly higher than expected and there was increased risk of prostate cancer and melanoma among first- second- and third-degree relatives of those with Parkinson's disease — although the excess risk for melanoma in third-degree relatives did not reach statistical significance.—Xinhua

Teen pregnancies rise in S. Africa



The steady rise in schoolgirl pregnancies in South Africa, 2004-2008. South Africa has the world's largest HIV-positive population, with 5.7 million of its 48 million people infected with the virus.

INTERNET

Vegans may have elevated heart risk

HANGZHOU, 8 April— Vegans-- strict vegetarians who eat no meat or animal products — may have an increased risk of developing blood clots, a researcher in China says. Duo Li of Zhejiang University in Hangzhou says meat eaters are known for having a significantly higher combination of cardiovascular risk factors than vegetarians.

However, lower-risk vegans may not be immune and their diets tend to be lacking several key nutrients — including iron, zinc, vitamin B12 and omega-3 fatty acids, Li says. Vegans tend to have elevated blood levels of homocysteine and decreased levels of high-density lipoprotein, the "good" form of cholesterol, which are both risk factors for heart disease, Li adds. The study, published in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, concluded there is a strong scientific basis for vegetarians and vegans to increase their dietary omega-3 fatty acids — found in oily fish, walnuts and other nuts — and vitamin B12 — found in seafood, eggs and fortified milk.—Xinhua



Business



Retailers surprise with March sales strength

CHICAGO, 8 April—Shoppers scooped up bright spring clothing in March, painting a more upbeat picture of consumer spending as the job market improves.

Retailers from lingerie chain Victoria's Secret to upscale department store Saks Inc (SKS.N) reported much stronger-than-anticipated sales on Thursday, while Gap Inc (GPS.N) was one of just four chains to miss expectations.

The improving job and stock

markets have given shoppers more spending power, although some of the extra dollars in their pockets must pay for pricier food and gas.

"The stock market doing as well as it has been doing kind of fuels the fire to generate the additional sales for not only the high-end stores, but the moderate-priced stores also," said Al Ferrara, national director of the retail and consumer product practice at accounting and consulting company BDO USA.—Internet



A trader works on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange, on 21

March, 2011.

INTERNET

China CNR Corp reports 45% rise in 2010 profits

BEIJING, 8 April—China CNR Corp, the nation's second largest train maker, reported Friday that its net profits surged 45.12 percent year on year to 1.91 billion yuan (291 million US dollars) in 2010.

Revenue hit 62.18 billion yuan, an increase of 53.48 percent year on year. The company's total value of assets increased 21.82 percent to 77.16 billion yuan by the end of December, according to a statement filed with the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

The train maker attributed its profit growth to huge government investment in rail transportation facilities last year, especially the building of high-speed railways.

The company also tapped new revenue streams last year by exploring new businesses and opening up overseas markets, the statement noted.

The company said its earnings are likely to continue to grow over the next five years, as the government is expected to continue to expand the country's high-speed rail network, spurring demand for locomotives, rail cars and bullet trains.—Xinhua

Inflation may threaten global recovery

NUSA DUA, 8 April—Rising food and oil prices could threaten the global economic recovery, Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said Friday at a meeting of Asian finance ministers in Bali.

Indonesia's rupiah hit four-year highs against the greenback earlier this week and inflation is running at more than 6.5 percent, underlining concerns that the region's more successful economies may be close to boiling point.

"In contrast (to developed countries), emerging and developing economies have led the global economic recovery... In fact emerging and developing countries in Asia have become an engine of global growth," Yudhoyono said.

Internet



A shopper loads his cart at a Costco Wholesale store in Arlington, Virginia August 6, 2009.

INTERNET

Disney's Magic Kingdom comes to the Middle Kingdom



An image shows an artist's impression of Shanghai Disney Resort in this handout released by Disney Parks on April 8, 2011.

SHANGHAI, 8 April—Walt Disney Co broke ground on its long-awaited Shanghai Disneyland theme park in China's financial hub on Friday, banking on new attractions to draw millions of visitors and boost its profits

in the region.

The Mickey and Minnie Mouse duo kicked off the fanfare dressed in traditional Chinese garb to a cacophony of drums, launching a Magic Kingdom-style park tailored

specifically to China. Disney's first theme park in mainland China and its third in Asia will cost an initial 24.5 billion yuan (\$3.7 billion).

Disney has long sought to build in Shanghai, a wealthy city of about 20 million that is ringed by the prosperous Yangtze River Delta, home to tens of millions more potential visitors.

"Our Shanghai resort will be a world-class family vacation destination that combines classic Disney characters and storytelling with the uniqueness and beauty of China," Robert Iger, chief executive of Walt Disney Co, said in a statement. —Reuters

Beyond camping, canoeing, Boy Scouts add robotics

CONCORD, 8 April — Can a robot pitch a tent? If so, a Boy Scout who builds one might be able to earn two merit badges at once.

The Boy Scouts of America, which offers more than 120 badges ranging from archery to wilderness survival, next week will unveil a robotics merit badge meant to promote science, technology, engineering and math, fields collectively known as STEM. In doing so, the 101-year-old Texas-based organization is trying to remain relevant and better reflect boys' interests, said Matt Myers, who oversees the Boy Scouts' STEM initiative.

Badges have been dropped over the years blacksmithing and beekeeping for example and replaced with new versions more in line with skills boys need to succeed, he said. "Last century, camping was an essential survival skill. Sometimes, you might have had to live outside in the 1900s to survive. We view STEM as an essential survival



This photo released on 7 April, 2011 by the Boy Scouts of America shows a new Robotics merit Badge.—INTERNET

skill in the 21st century," he said Thursday.

"We're just trying to keep relevant with what kids need to learn."

Internet

Google, gov't near deal on tracker

WASHINGTON, 8 April — Google Inc could receive government clearance as early as Friday to purchase airline fare tracker ITA Software in a \$700 million deal that could make the search leader the hub of online travel, according to a person with knowledge of the matter.

Although talks are ongoing and could still fall apart, Google appears close to a deal with the Justice Department on an agreement that would let it buy ITA. Google must accept government conditions to protect other companies in the travel industry, the person said. The person was not authorized to discuss the review and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The government review of the deal has been seen as a test of how aggressively US antitrust regulators intend to police Google as the company uses the wealth and influence gained from its dominance in Internet search to expand into other markets.—Internet

Sony resumes production in more Japanese plants

TOKYO, 8 April—Sony on Wednesday said partial or full operations had resumed at eight of its 10 Japanese facilities affected by the 11 March earthquake. However, two factories, including the Tagajo plant that manufactures magnetic tapes and Blu-ray discs, have yet to resume operations. The Tagajo plant, which is near Sendai, is undergoing cleaning and damage inspection, Sony said.

Operations at 10 Sony sites and facilities had been suspended as of 14 March due to damage from the earthquake, tsunami and related power outages. The Tagajo facility was hit with walls of water, mud and debris, which has hampered recovery efforts.

The company did not provide information on when the Tagajo factory would resume production. The factory is Sony's main production base for media products and any delays could lead to a possible shortage of goods such as HDCAM video tapes for portable TV cameras.—Internet



A customs officer shows a confiscated Bengal monitor lizard to the media at the customs department in Bangkok on 8 April, 2011. The endangered animals were worth over 1.8 million baht (\$59881), according to custom officers.

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Constellation Brands posts profit for 4Q



In this on 1 April, 2010 file photo, a customer places a case of Corona Extra on the checkout counter.

INTERNET

ROCHESTER, 8 April—Constellation Brands Inc. said Thursday that Americans brought home more wine through the holiday season, taking advantage of more discounts to trade up to higher-premium brands.

The maker of Robert Mondavi wine, Svedka vodka and Corona beer posted a \$279.8 million

fourth-quarter profit, recovering from a year-ago loss as it saw a 17 percent jump in wine sales in the key North America market.

Its revenue in the December-to-February period edged up just 1 percent to \$715.3 million as the bump in wine volumes was largely offset by the recent sale of much of

its Australian and British wine business.

While alcoholic-beverage purchases at bars and restaurants remain sluggish, the Victor, NY, company is benefiting from an improved US economy even though promotional activity at stores is still highly competitive. "The consumer is definitely back, is definitely purchasing," CEO Robert Sands told analysts in a conference call. But the typical take-home shopper "remains extremely price-sensitive and is looking for a deal and, therefore, pro-motional activity remains robust.—Internet



A beautiful waterfall in the mountains of West Virginia. The water below this scenic waterfall swirls very slowly; however, the 25-second-long exposure reveals a whirlpool in the gently flowing water.

INTERNET

Paintings depicting China's Forbidden

ATHENS, 8 April—Some 27 paintings of the "Forbidden City" series of Chinese artist Jiang Guofang captivated Athens residents and foreign visitors as an art exhibition opened here on Wednesday. It was the first time that Jiang's collection of art works were on display in Greece. Former Greek Prime Minister Costas Simitis, Chinese diplomats based in Athens and other dignitaries attended a gala opening at the B. & M. Theocharakis Foundation for the Fine Arts and Music.

The exhibition, entitled "The Forbidden City," gives visitors "an opportunity to take a glimpse at life behind the walls of the imperial palace before it opened up to the common people after six centuries," said Greek entrepreneur Basilis Theocharakis, founder of the foundation. Former Greek ambassador to China Ioannis Theofano-poulos, who had the idea to bring the talented Chinese artist's paintings under the blue sky of Athens, stressed that the exhibition contributes to promoting cultural relations between Greece and China.—Xinhua

General Min Aung Hlaing meets servicemen, families of regiments, units of Eastern Command, pays homage to pagodas, tours Bahtoo Station



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing pays homage to Buddha images at Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda.—MNA



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing views production process of dairy products at Milch Cow Farm of Defence Services (Army) Combat Training School (Bahtoo).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Defence Services Commander-in-Chief General Min Aung Hlaing met servicemen and family members of local regiments and units at Thanlwin Hall of Eastern Command

Headquarters in Taunggyi yesterday morning after inspecting agriculture and livestock breeding tasks in Bahtoo Station.

He cordially greeted servicemen and family members.

At Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda, the General and party offered gold foils and donations and paid

homage to the Buddha Images.

After making cash donation, he signed the visitors' book and viewed progress of all-round renovation tasks.

They also paid homage to Alodawpauk Pagoda and offered gold foils and donations to the pagoda.

At Military Hospital in Bahtoo, the General and party comforted female and male patients. After inspecting the layout plan of the hospital, the General gave necessary instructions to officials.

This morning, the General and party inspected the milch cow farm of Defence Services (Army) Combat Training

School (Bahtoo) and production of dairy produce. They also viewed cultivation of tea on five acres of land and nurturing of perennial saplings.

The General and party also inspected maintenance of Aung San Hall of the Defence Services (Army) Combat Training School (Bahtoo) and construction of ASEAN Armed Forces Shooting Range Construction Project to host the ASEAN Armies Shooting Contest. Officials reported on matters related to construction of the shooting range.

The General inspected the scale model for the stand of the

shooting range, demonstration on use of equipment at the 100m pistol shooting range and preparations for hosting the shooting contest.

The ASEAN Armies Shooting Contest has been held since 1991 with the aim of further strengthening relationship among armies of ASEAN member countries and improving shooting capability.

Six member countries of the ASEAN participated in the contest up to the 9th time held in 1999, and all ten members of ASEAN countries participated in the contest beginning the year of 2000.

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Myanmar playing volley friendlies in PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Selected Myanmar National Volleyball Team left here for the People's Republic of China yesterday evening, to play friendlies from 8 to 20 April there.

Headed by Chinese Coach Mr Zhang Qun, the team comprises 12 athletes from Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Immigration and Population and Sports and Physical Education Department.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing inspects preparations for hosting ASEAN Armies Shooting Contest at Combat Training School (Bahtoo).—MNA



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing taking salute of cadet companies.

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national politics of the Tatmadaw, he said.

As the country is a union and is home to national races, all national races must have the Union Spirit to be able to live in the country through thick and thin. The Union Spirit is the genuine patriotic spirit of the national races. He continued to say that serving the interests of the people also reflects the Union Spirit. The cadets are to pursue do's and don'ts prescribed in the 60 code of conducts for them. Looking back to the history, the Tatmadaw side by side with national people safeguarded the country against internal and external destructive elements both in the independence struggles and in the post-independence period. It also thwarted the attempts to drive a wedge among the national brethren living in friendship and amity. The Tatmadaw averted the attempt of super powers to hegemonize the country as well.

So, he said, the cadets must safeguard Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty—at risk to their lives.

Today, the Tatmadaw is being built as a strong, capable and modern patriotic one so as to

As art of war is always developing, the Commander-in-Chief said that they have to learn continuously and try for self-improvement. Moreover, they have to innovate and work for enhancing qualities of their subordinates. They must always train themselves, have military outlook and show combat readiness.

The Commander-in-Chief said that it is their knowledge that the Tatmadaw could handle political issues if necessary in addition to its three main responsibilities, namely, defence, training and public welfare. The Tatmadaw could implement seven-step Road Map stage by stage while assuming State's responsibility, he said.

In 2008, over 92 percent of eligible voters showed their massive support to ratify the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The nation has been able to carry out transition to multi-party democracy system and market-oriented economic system in a gentle way.

People could cast votes in peace in the election held in November, 2010. It was the pride of nation as well as the historical act of the Tatmadaw that people could cast ballot peacefully. Then first



Union Spirit is genuine patriotic spirit...

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To be able to serve the interest of the State in full swing, the Tatmadaw is needed to have three capabilities—the military capability, the organizational capability and the administrative capability, he added.

As the Tatmadaw was born of the national people, they are to protect the interests of the national people of the regions where they are assigned, must serve the interests of the national people joining hands with the people. It is the

become reliable for the people and be respected by the international community. In times of emergency, national defence must be carried out on self-reliant basis.

He said that the Tatmadaw is being built through four tasks — training, administration, welfare and morale.

Being disciplined is being obedient. It is the discipline that makes an organization strong and valuable. The military personnel must abide by the military law in addition to the civil law. The armed forces must obey military and civic rules, regulations and laws more strictly. Every battalion and Tatmadawmen will be trained to be equipped with five basic skills.

regular hluttaw sessions were held. Representatives chosen by the people in the election as well as the Defence Services representatives participated in the hluttaws.

In the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, the President said "Despite different ideas and concepts, the people of us have to work closely in matters of same views in the national interests. If an individual or organization stands for election in accordance with the democratic practice to come to power in a justice way, that will be acceptable to everyone. Therefore, I would say our government will keep peace door open to welcome such individuals and organizations."

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing meets best cadet and his parents.—MNA



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing inspects cadet companies.

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Section 339 of Chapter VII of the Constitution states “The Defence Services shall lead in safeguarding the Union against all internal and external dangers”. Therefore, the Tatmadaw is to carry out its on-going tasks in cooperation with the people to combat internal and external terrorist acts that undermine peace, stability and development of the State.

In conclusion, the C-in-C said that the cadets are the human resources for building the strong and

capable efficient and patriotic modern armed forces and they are the main force for safeguarding the peaceful, modern and developed nation.

In accord with the aim of the OTS “to turn out capable officers at the Defence Services (Army) and to take the command of a platoon in the battle field”, the C-in-C urged them to try their best for emergence of reliable military leaders for the State and the Tatmadaw.

Afterwards, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing left the parade ground.

Next, General Min Aung Hlaing met the best cadet and his parents at the hall of Bahtoo Station and spoke words of encouragement.—MNA



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing presents Best Cadet Award to Cadet Phyto Wai Aung.

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Dignitaries seen at Passing out parade of 114th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School.

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SEA Games Success, enhances national dignity

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—“The directives of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar are work plans for every civil servant and citizen of the nation”, said Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan as he met staff of Ministry of Sports and

Sports and Physical Education Department at the ministry here this morning.

The minister urged the staff to realize the directives and to bring success to the nation in the XXVI SEA Games.—MNA



Construction of Minhla-Kyungon road gaining momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — The 89 miles and six furlongs long Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myotchaung-Phado-Kyungon motorway, the second facility among

Yoma crossing roads, is being built by nine construction groups of the Ministry of Construction and 18 companies.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected laying gravel and putting tar on the road and land preparation work on 5 April.

Next, the minister looked into site chosen for construction of 270 feet long Yenwechaung bridge at mile post No. 13/7.—MNA

Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan meets officers of Ministry of Sports and Sports and Physical Education Department.—MNA

Forestry Minister, UNDP discuss environmental conservation

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Mr. Bishow B. Parajuli and party called on Minister

for Forestry U Win Tun at the ministry here today.

During the meeting, they discussed matters on environmental conservation, forests conservation including

mangrove forest and prospects for conducting environmental conservation projects and training for employees of the ministry and local people.

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Minister for Forestry U Win Tun receives UNDP Resident Representative Mr. Bishow B. Parajuli.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin being welcomed by Russian Ambassador to Myanmar at reception to mark 60th Anniversary diplomatic ties and Golden Jubilee First Man's space flight at the Embassy of Russian Federation in Yangon on 8 April, 2011.—MNA



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi accepts cash donation of CNPC South-East Asia Pipeline Company Limited for Tahlay quake victims.—MNA

Cash donation for quake victims in Tahlay Township

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — The ceremony to donate cash to quake victims in Tahlay Township of Tachilek District in Shan State (East) was

held at May Khalar Hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement here this afternoon.

SWRR Minister

U Aung Kyi accepted K 4.6 million donated by the Ministry of Energy, FEC 50,000 by CNPC South-East Asia Pipeline Company Limited

which is implementing Myanmar-China Oil and Natural Gas Pipeline Project in cooperation with the Ministry of Energy and FEC 10,000 by PTTEP International Limited which is being cooperated with the ministry in oil sector and presented certificates of honour to them.—MNA

Myanmar Hluttaw delegation takes part in seminar in Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—At the invitation of President of the National Assembly of Cambodia Samdech Akka Moha Ponhed Chakeri Heng Samrin, delegation of Hluttaw representatives of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar paid a visit to Phnom Penh of Cambodia from 3 to 6 April, to take part in Seminar on the Role of Parliamentarians on the Protection and Promotion of Migrant Workers in ASEAN sponsored by ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly.

The Myanmar delegation, comprising Secretary U Hla Myint Oo of Hluttaw Rights Committee and member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Khat Htein Nan and Director-General of the Immigration and National Registration Department U Maung Maung Than, was led by Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein.

On 4 April, U Mya Nyein, in separate meeting with the Speaker of Cambodian National Assembly who is also an alternate President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, presented confirmation to join AIPA as full-fledged member sent by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Member U Khin Aung Myint. Mr Heng Samrin extended warm welcome to Myanmar delegation, and expressed his delight at hearing Myanmar political

developments. He expressed thanks for sending high-ranking delegation and said that approval for Myanmar to be a full-fledged member will be sought at this year's

Myanmar Hluttaw delegation at Seminar on the Role of Parliamentarians on the Protection and Promotion of Migrant Workers in ASEAN.

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assembly to be held in Cambodia.

On 5 April at Cambodian National Assembly, the Myanmar delegation held a discussion with a group comprising chairmen of commissions led by President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, National As-

sembly Commission leader Dr Cheam Yeap on bilateral friendly cooperation between the two Hluttaws, and work programmes to be a full-fledged member. The Myanmar delegation discussed political development in Myanmar, forming of respective hluttaws and procedures to be a full-fledged member in the coming assembly.

During the seminar, Mr Chhean Vun, Chair-

man of Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Relations and Information of Cambodian National Assembly, met the Myanmar delegation and discussed cooperation between the two countries' parliaments.

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Myanmar military column rescues three Chinese captains and vessels in Mekong River

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Three vessels owned by a Chinese company, while picking granites at Upper Kyainglek in Mekong River of Golden Triangle Region at 12 noon on 2 April, were attacked by armed groups who captured two Chinese captains.

On 3 April morning, the remaining one captain and reserve marine navigators sailed the three vessels back to their mother company. On arrival at Kyauk-thone-lone, the vessels were intercepted and forced to moor by the armed group who were waiting at the bank of

Myanmar side. Then, about 10 armed men captured the crews and workers in the hold of a vessel and hijacked the vessels.

Another armed group arrived there in a powered-boat at about 12 noon on 4 April and arrested the remaining captain while the other armed men were still holding the vessels.

At 2 pm, following the local military column combing the area along the shore, the armed men fled the scene in a powered-boat. The military column then could take control of the hijacked vessels.

The armed group left the three captains on a sand bank of the neighbouring country at 2 pm on 6 April and the masters could later join the military column.

The military column took the vessels back to Wampon Wharf on 7 April evening. Authorities concerned encouraged the three captains, and 34 crews and workers and provided them with assistance they need. Those vessels left the wharf on 8 April morning.

Responsible persons of Myanmar gave account of the incident to Chinese officials who thanked Myanmar side, saying bilateral cooperation would bring success in every sector.—MNA

SWRR Minister receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi received Ambassador of the Republic of India to Myanmar Dr. V.S Seshadri and party at the ministry here today.

During the meeting, they discussed matters on India government's plans for providing relief aids to the earthquake victims in Tahlay Township, Tachilek District, Shan State (East) as the government shipped the relief aids to the storm Nargis victims in 2008. They also discussed bilateral cooperation on resettlement of the earthquake victims.



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. V.S Seshadri.—MNA

Bomb blast in a BEHS in Myawady leaves damages, no casualties

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—An explosion occurred at a basic education high school in Myawady Township of Kayin State at about 8 pm yesterday, causing little damage to the buildings

but with no casualties.

The blast occurred between 8-unit students' washroom and the brick

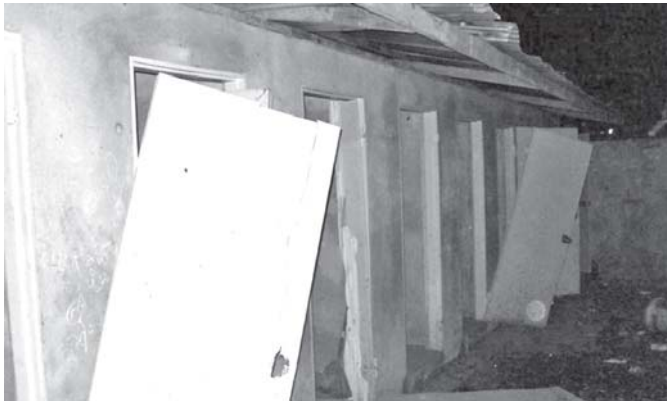
wall fence of the school left six fibre doors and 8 roofs of gents' washroom, plastic sewer of ladies' washroom and about sixty glass windows of a classroom damaged, making a 8-inch diameter and three-foot-deep hole near the

gents' washroom.

Internal and external subversives are always trying to commit explosion attacks to sabotage the community peace and tranquility and scare the people. Now, they have gone too far and even attempted to

blow up the schools, the learning centres of innocent children. Therefore, authorities concerned have urged the public to report to them in time if they notice suspicious circumstances.

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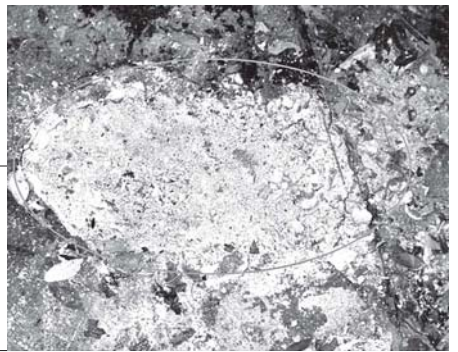


Blast damages six fibre doors of student lavatory.

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Explosion leaves a hole with 8-inch in radius and 3-inch in depth.

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Tour bus crash kills two, injures 55 in S China

GUANGZHOU, 8 April—Two people have been killed and 55 others injured after a bus carrying a tour group slammed into a road maintenance vehicle on a highway in south China's Guangdong Province, traffic police said Friday.

The tour bus, heading Beihai City in the neighbouring Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region rear-ended the road maintainer at around 8:10 am Thursday, one hour after it took the road from Guangzhou, capital city of Guangdong, a spokesman with the highway's traffic control

office said.

The bus driver and a tour guide died on the spot while three tourists and two workers aboard the maintenance vehicle were severely hurt, he said.

The others were only slightly injured, he added. An investigation into the cause of the

China to build 56 more airports in five years

GYIYANG, 8 April—A senior Chinese civil aviation official said here Thursday that China, the world's most populous nation, would build 56 more airports

during the next five years to expand transport capacity. Li Jiexiang, head of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), said the total number of airports in the country would likely top 230 in five years with an aircraft fleet expected to exceed 4,500 units, enough to carry 450

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million passengers annually. "Investment in China's aviation industry is likely to reach 1.5 trillion yuan (about 230 billion US dollars) in the next five years," Li said at a national civil-aviation work conference held in Guiyang, capital city of southwest China's Guizhou Province.

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MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (579)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (579) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.4.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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

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&
May May Daw Ohn Mar Kyi Win a very

"Happy 28th Wedding Anniversary"

May you both have many more happier
and prosperous ones to come.

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Elderly British sailor crosses Atlantic on raft

PHILIPSBURG, 8 April— An 85-year-old British sailor who dreamed of crossing the Atlantic on a raft as a young boy completed the journey with three friends on Wednesday. The crossing to this Caribbean island, led by Anthony Smith of London, took about two months and was generally smooth except for damage to two rudders on the large, sail-powered raft. "Some people say it was mad," he told *The Associated Press* when he arrived in St. Maarten. "But it wasn't mad. What else do you do when you get on in years?"

The jovial crew said they wanted to raise awareness about the environment and to prove the elderly are capable of embarking on adventures that are mistakenly con-

sidered dangerous. They also aimed to raise money for the British nonprofit group WaterAid, which provides potable water to impoverished communities. A stroke of bad luck paid for the trip, courtesy of Smith, who was hit by a van and broke his hip.

Internet



Eighty five-year-old British sailor Anthony Smith, right, captains the An-Tiki, a 40-foot sail-powered raft, as he and crew complete their roughly two month, transatlantic voyage, arriving into Philipsburg, St Maarten.— INTERNET

Balloonists celebrate Channel feat



Hot air balloons take off from Lydden Hill Race Circuit near Canterbury.

INTERNET

CANTERBURY, 8 April — A world record is set to be confirmed after the largest number of hot air balloons crossed the English Channel to France. A 50-strong fleet of hot air balloons journeyed over the Dover Strait — one of the busiest waterways in the world — within four hours of setting off. One balloon had to abandon the flight just before the Channel due to technical problems. But for those adventurers that made it, Champagne corks were popped in celebration on the French side.

The balloonists took flight from Lydden Hill race circuit in Kent for the first official Guinness World Records bid for the largest group of hot air balloons to make the Channel crossing. —*Internet*

Europe 'losing' superbugs battle

LONDON, 8 April — Antibiotic-resistant infections have reached unprecedented levels and now outstrip our ability to fight them with existing drugs, European health experts are warning. Each year in the EU over 25,000 people die of bacterial infections that are able to outsmart even the newest antibiotics. The World Health Organization says the situation has reached a critical point. A united push to make new drugs is urgently needed, it says.



NDM-1 is carried by Gram-negative bacteria like Klebsiella.

INTERNET

treatment and cosmetic surgery.— *Internet*

Without a concerted effort, people could be dealing with the "nightmare scenario" of a worldwide spread of untreatable infections, says the WHO. One example is the New Delhi or NDM-1 superbug recently found in UK patients. They brought the infection back with them from countries like India and Pakistan, which they had visited for medical

Two workers in Tennessee sewage tank wall collapse

GATLINBURG, 8 April — Two workers have been killed in the US state of Tennessee when a sewage tank wall collapsed, spilling millions of gallons of wastewater into a river. Their bodies were found beneath the rubble at a sewage plant in Gatlinburg. With the plant out of operation, wastewater — said not to include solid matter — was being discharged into the Little Pigeon River, officials said.

Officials have yet to determine the cause of the tank's collapse.

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The area had seen heavy rain before the collapse, but officials had yet to determine the accident's cause.

"No one knows what happened, really," Jim Davis, spokesman for the city of Gatlinburg, was quoted by the *Associated Press* as saying. "It's all guesswork right now." The deceased workers

were identified as John Eslinger, 53, and Don Storey, 44. The size of the initial spill remained unclear, but officials on Tuesday estimated it between 1.5 and 3.2 million gallons. Officials were urging local residents to keep clear of the river but said drinking water was safe.— *Internet*



Zoo keepers tackle thieving monkeys

LONDON, 8 April — A troupe of pilfering primates are being taught to turn their backs on the fashion world after embarking on a crime wave. London Zoo's gang of Bolivian squirrel monkeys have taken a shine to the sunglasses worn by visitors in the recent warm weather. Pinching with impunity, the quick-fingered monkeys have developed a habit of whipping sunglasses off the heads of startled visitors.

The shameless simians have now built up an impressive stash of



Bolivian squirrel monkeys have been swiping sunglasses at London Zoo.— INTERNET

designer shades including Ray-Bans and aviator sunglasses. As a result, their keepers have had to dream up a course of corrective behaviour to stem the animals' criminal tendencies. —*Internet*

Brit man was so drunk he drove four miles with one wheel missing

A man in Britain was so drunk that he never noticed his car was missing a wheel and drove 4 miles before he was stopped by police.

Andrew Mackay, 29, who is partially deaf, was on his way home from a New Year's Eve party, and despite sparks flying from the metal hub and the heavy pulling to the right, he drove on.

He had drunk so much alcohol that he was three times the legal drink-drive limit, and he narrowly avoided being sent to jail when he was sentenced at Bristol Crown Court.

After he pleaded guilty to driving with excess alcohol and dangerous driving, unemployed Mackay was given a ten-month suspended prison sentence and was told he must carry out 150 hours of community service.

He was also told that he could not drive for the next three years.

According to the *Daily Express*, police saw the sparks flying from the front driver's side and pulled him over in the city.

"He was seen in Coronation Road, Bedminster, and the car had three wheels. It should have had four," the *Daily Mail* quoted prosecutor Neil Treharne as saying.



A view of what the Curitiba City Hall is calling the world's longest articulated bus, as it was presented to the press before going into service on the city's public transportation grid, in Curitiba. The bus, made in Brazil by Volvo with a Neobus chassis, has a capacity of 250 passengers, is 28 metres (92 ft) long, 2.6 metres (8.5 ft) wide, and powered with biodiesel made from soybeans.

Restaurant's 'best burger' trophy stolen

A restaurant in Ammon, Idaho, says it wants its stolen giant hamburger trophy returned, no questions asked — it will even throw in a reward.

TGI Friday's General Manager Tim Coleman said the trophy was discovered missing two days after the restaurant was awarded the prize by Idaho Falls Magazine, KIFI-TV, Idaho Falls, reported.

The restaurant has been awarded the prize for best hamburger three consecutive years, and this is not the first time the trophy was stolen, the newspaper said Tuesday.

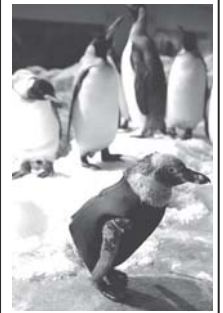
In 2009 the giant hamburger was stolen, disappearing for six weeks until it was returned.

Endangered clouded leopards cubs born

Endangered clouded leopards were given a boost in population with the birth of two litters at the Nashville Zoo, zoo authorities say. Jing Jai, one of the facility's breeding female clouded leopards, gave birth to three cubs but one died shortly after being delivered 19 March. The other breeding female, Lom Choy, delivered a single male cub 22 March. The *(Nashville) Tennessean* reported on Wednesday.

The healthy cubs, each weighing about 8 ounces, are being hand-raised by zoo workers and fed a special feline milk diet that is expected to add roughly a half-pound of weight each week during the next few months. When the cubs are about 6 months old, each one will be paired up with a potential mate, *The Tennessean* said.

The featherless Humboldt penguin Belle (Front) is worn a wet suit to help it rehabilitate the growth of feathers in Singapore Bird Park. Singapore Bird Park's avian keepers put a wet suit onto the featherless Humboldt penguin Belle to help it rehabilitate the growth of feathers. Belle started suffering from feathers moulting since last year, resulting in her being ostracized by her fellow penguins, and losing her ability to swim as well as the ability to keep warm.



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Spectators watch a movie at the NEXT short films festival on 6 April in Bucharest. The international short film festival has opened in Bucharest for a fifth edition featuring 26 films from 19 countries.

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International short film festival opens

BUCHAREST, 8 April—The international short film festival NEXT has opened in Bucharest for a fifth edition featuring 26 films from 19 countries.

The festival which opened Wednesday is associated with Critics' Week in Cannes and will host award-winning Romanian directors Marian Crisan and Radu Jude for the world premiere of their shorts "Camelia" and "A Movie for Friends".

"This year's selection is full of happiness and delight", the festival main programmer, Andrei Gorzo, told a Press conference.

The festival also includes comedy "Strung Love", by Romanian Victor Dragomir and Belgian production "Stardust" as well as Chinese film "Helpless" and Australian short "Deeper than Yesterday." The festival which runs until 10 April also hosts workshops with famous directors and producers of shorts and a "non censored" short film programme.—*Internet*

Larry King, TV pitchman; want a breath freshener?

LOS ANGELES, 8 April— Larry King's business portfolio is expanding from bagels to breath mints.

The former *CNN* host, who announced last month he was joining with a New York bagel maker to open a Beverly Hills store, now is hawking a breath freshener.

In a release Thursday, King said he and his wife, Shawn, "love" the product so much that they have become partners in it. The goal, King said, is to

"make sure people share our enthusiasm" for the mint-coated capsule, BreathGemz.

King and his wife will promote the product

in TV and radio spots and, as the company put it, demonstrate that people in all "strata of life" face breath issues.

Internet



Larry King. INTERNET

Singer Christine Fan (L) poses during a Press conference to promote her new album "Love&Fan Fan" in Beijing, capital of China, on 7 April, 2011. A Press conference was held here Thursday to promote the singer's new album.

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Lindsay Lohan cozies up to hotelier Vikram Chatwal

NEW YORK, 8 April— Lindsay Lohan has been spotted cozying up to wealthy hotelier Vikram Chatwal. According to the spies, the starlet was

spotted with the soon-to-be bachelor at Top of the Standard, reports the *New York Post*.

Chatwal - who is divorcing his actress wife, Priya Sachdev - flew the 'Mean Girls' star into the city on his private jet and has been putting her up in the penthouse of his Chatwal Hotel on West 44th Street. The pair has repeatedly been seen together all over town. Sources close to Chatwal confirmed he's separated from Sachdev, that he recently broke up with model Esther Canadas



Actress Lindsay Lohan. INTERNET

and has been spending time with Lohan. Lohan and Chatwal turned up at Don Hill's for the after-party for Uma Thurman's movie "Ceremony", where the pair kept it low-key with owner Nur Khan.

But a source close to Lohan insisted, "They have a friendship and a business relationship, and that is it."—*Internet*



Liverpool's team

Liverpool FC to play in Malaysia in July

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 April—Liverpool Football Club's legion of Malaysian fans will in July be able to catch their team in action for the first time ahead of the premier league campaign, accord-

ing to organizers. Liverpool have a massive fan base in the country. "The match will be a piece of football history as this is the first time Liverpool FC will be stepping on Malaysian soil and it has created a lot of excitement," ProEvents said in a statement.

Liverpool's Far East tour will also take the team to China and South Korea. In 2009 the English side enjoyed a successful 10-day pre-season tour of Thailand and Singapore. "I am sure you would want to see this team live in action in Malaysia," said Football Association of Malaysia deputy president Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah. The Reds managing director Ian Ayre said the team was delighted to play in Malaysia.— *Internet*

Golf no longer Tiger and everybody else

AUGUSTA, 8 April—Golf used to be Tiger Woods and everybody else. About the only thing they had in common was how they described fair-to-middling rounds afterward, how a handful of near-misses could have changed everything. The difference, of course, was that Woods would go out the next day, and the next, and make almost everything in sight.

Now he not only sounds like everybody else, he plays like everybody else, too. "I hit a lot of beautiful putts today and they were just skirting the edge. So hopefully," Woods said after an opening round 71 at the Masters, "those will start going in."—*Internet*



Tiger Woods reacts after his drive off the eighth tee during the first round of the Masters golf tournament on 7 April, 2011, in Augusta, Ga.— *INTERNET*

Villa chief backs coach Houllier

LONDON, 8 April—Aston Villa chief Paul Faulkner has defended beleaguered manager Gerard Houllier, insisting the Frenchman is the right man to lead the club's fight against relegation. Houllier, who took over from Martin O'Neill earlier in the season, has

faced mounting calls to quit from disgruntled fans after a campaign which has left the club just two points above the relegation zone.

However Villa chief executive Faulkner was adamant that Houllier had the club's full support heading into the crucial final few weeks of the season. Houllier, meanwhile, told his players that "excuses are not an option" as they attempt to secure Premiership survival.—*Internet*



Gerard Houllier

Mardy Fish advances at Houston ATP event

HOUSTON, 8 April—Mardy Fish made a victorious debut as America's top-ranked men's tennis player, defeating Albert Ramos in straight sets to reach the quarter-finals of the US Clay Court Championships. Fish, the top seed in this \$442,500 ATP event, on Thursday defeated Ramos 6-3, 6-4, turning back a late charge that saw the Spaniard pull back from 5-1 down in the second set to 5-4. "Natu-



Mardy Fish

rally, you think, 6-3, 5-1 and you figure the finish line is pretty close. You've got to keep your foot on the gas a little more," said Fish, who had a first-round bye.

"But he played better at the end. He has nothing to lose at that point. We've all been there." Fish, who won this title in 2006, arrived in Houston ranked 11th in the world after reaching the semi-finals of the Miami Masters last week.—*Internet*

Man City's Boateng out for six weeks

BERLIN, 8 April—Manchester City's Germany defender Jerome Boateng is expected to be out for at least six weeks after undergoing a knee operation. The 22-year-old went under the knife in Augsburg, Germany, after damaging his right knee in the warm-up for Germany's 4-0 win over Kazakhstan in a Euro 2012 qualifier on 26 March.

The 13-times capped defender, reportedly being courted by German champions Bayern



Manchester City defender Jerome Boateng (left)

Munich, is due to begin rehabilitation training soon. City manager Roberto Mancini has said Boateng is unlikely to play again this season, but could return for the last two games.— *Internet*

Former F1 champ testing well in NASCAR with Busch

FORT WORTH, 8 April—Kimi Raikkonen is testing well in NASCAR. So good, in fact, that he is already matching lap times with Kyle Busch, the owner of the truck the Formula One world champion will race. Raikkonen did more testing Thursday in Rockingham, NC, after two days earlier this week at Gresham

Motorsports Park in Georgia attended by Busch. All this comes less than a week after Raikkonen signed with Kyle Busch Motorsports to make his NASCAR debut next month in a Trucks Series race at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

"The test went really well at Gresham. Kimi is a race car driver, so he does know how to drive race cars and drive them well," Busch said on Thursday. "I got to see it firsthand, and then got to get in the truck myself and run some laps just to kind of see where I compared to where he was at on tires and stuff, and we ran identical lap times. So he's right there, he knows what he's doing.—*Internet*



Kimi Raikkonen of Finland

Portuguese trio, Villarreal shine in Europa League

PARIS, 8 April—Spanish side Villarreal and Portuguese giants FC Porto put their Europa League-winning credentials on show with 5-1 wins apiece in the first leg of the quarter-finals on Thursday. Three Portuguese sides — Porto, Benfica and Sporting Braga — are among the last eight of Europe's second tier club competition for the first time, boosting the chances of an all-Portuguese final at the Dublin Arena on May 18.

While 2004 Champions League winners Porto impressed with a 5-1 crushing of Spartak Moscow, Madrid-based Villarreal were just as impressive on their way to the exact same

scoreline against hapless Dutch side FC Twente. Another Dutch side, PSV Eindhoven, were on the wrong side of a 4-1 defeat to Benfica while Sporting Braga did well to come away with a 1-1 draw dur-

ing their visit to Dynamo Kiev. All three Portuguese sides are now perfectly placed to qualify for the last four following the second leg of the quarter-finals on 14 April.

Internet

Inter players spring to Leonardo's defence

ROME, 8 April —Inter Milan's players have sprung to the defence of under fire coach Leonardo following the side's crushing defeats to AC Milan and Schalke 04. Inter's season went into meltdown over the last

few days as they were beaten 3-0 in the Milan derby to drop five points off the Serie A summit and then humiliated 5-2 at home to Schalke in the Champions League, leaving them virtually out of that competition.

Leonardo has since come under fire both in the Italian press and fan forums on the internet. But for captain Javier Zanetti, he is still the man to do the job.— *Internet*



Inter Milan's coach Leonardo

Shopping one day, leading the Masters the next

AUGUSTA, 8 April—Rory McIlroy and his buddies bought a football Wednesday night, and decided to test it out in the mall parking lot. Guess who was watching? "By accident," Alvaro Quiros said. "I was watching Rory play with a rugby ball with his friends. Did he tell you that? He was doing terrible." McIlroy is much better with his golf club, as he showed Thursday by shooting a 7-under 65 in the first round of the Masters. A few hours later, Quiros had joined him again — this time atop the leaderboard at Augusta National.

"My target tomorrow is to make the cut," Quiros said. "It would be stupid to

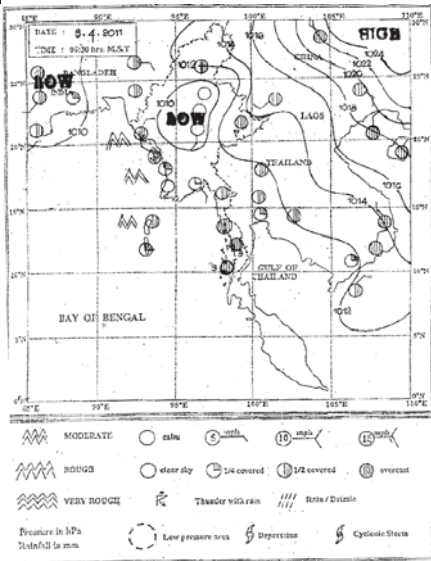
think I can shoot 65 again because it's not my way. As I said before, 75 was my best round here. It could be just one good round of golf." For McIlroy, it could be something bigger. The 21-year-old from Northern Ireland is the leader of golf's version of the Brat Pack, a group of kids with big games and even more moxie.—*Internet*



Rickie Fowler, left, and Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland chat before teeing off.—*INTERNET*



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 8th April, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Taninthayi Region and Mon State, isolated in Shan State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Rakhine States and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Chauk (42°C), Monywa, Aunglan and Sin Phyu Gyun (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (0.35) inch and Kengtung (0.27) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 7-4-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 8-4-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-4-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 8-4-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw(Airport)

Maximum temperature on 7-4-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 8-4-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-4-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 8-4-2011 was Nil.

Rainfall on 8-4-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (5.71) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (7.09) inches at Yangon

(Kaba-Aye) and (1.38) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (6) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 8-4-2011.

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 the 9th April 2011: Rain or thundershowers as likely to be isolated in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather Outlook for the 1st Weekend of April: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

Toys ‘R’ Us to sell Apple iPad2

New York, 8 April—Technology trackers said Thursday that US retail giant Toys ‘R’ Us would soon be selling Apple’s hot-selling iPad2. Web site ModMyi reported that a Toys ‘R’ Us employee had sent it training material for iPad2 sales.

The material reviews iPad2 features and lists “accessories available at ‘R’ Us.” Intomobile reported the device is available at 10,000 retail outlets, including Walmart, Target, Best Buy and Radio Shack. Toys ‘R’ Us also carries Apple’s iPod.

A recent survey showed a move to a Toys ‘R’ Us customer base might be a wise move for Apple. A Piper Jaffray survey said 20 percent of teenagers recently indicated they intended to buy a computer tablet within the next six months.—Internet



Photo shows the “Varyag” aircraft carrier being built at a shipyard in Dalian, China. The great “Varyag” is going to be China’s first aircraft carrier.

INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (9-4-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(9-4-11 09:30 am - 10-4-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Mant Hero, Beauty Queen On Shweli River
- * News
- * Thingyan Songs and Dances
- * News
- * Miss Tourism Myanamr 2011
- * News
- * Secret Places For Yummy Food ‘Inlay Ahmattaya’

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * New Democratic Nation in New Era
- * News
- * Thingyan Songs and Dances
- * News
- * Miss Tourism Myanamr 2011
- * News
- * Secret Places For Yummy Food ‘Inlay Ahmattaya’
- * News
- * Mant Hero, Beauty Queen On Shweli River
- * News
- * Thingyan Road Trip 2010 (Yangon - Nay Pyi Taw - Mandalay)
- * Mandalay Thingyan
- * News
- * Cultural Trail from China to ASEAN (Part-II)
- * News
- * Significant Month of Dagu
- * Myanmar Movie “Essence of Devotion”



Saturday, 9 April

View on today

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:15 am**
- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am**
- 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
- 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 7:50 am**
- 6. Poem Garden
- 8:05 am**
- 7. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival
- 8:20 am**
- 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:25 am**
- 9. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:40 am**
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am**
- 11. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival
- 11:00 am**
- 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
- 2. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival
- 11:25 am**
- 3. Game For Children
- 11:50 am**
- 4. Round Up Of The Week’s TV Local News

- 1:15 pm**
- 5. Yan Can Cook
- 1:45 pm**
- 6. TV Drama Series
- 2:45 pm**
- 7. Song Of National Races
- 2:50 pm**
- 8. International News
- 3:15 pm**
- 1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal 2011 (Live) (Zeyar Shwe Myay FC Vs Okkthar United FC)
- 5:15 pm**
- 2. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Law)
- 5:25 pm**
- 3. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

- 5:30 pm**
- 4. Dance Of Thin GyanFestival
- 5:40 pm**
- 5. Singing In Different Versions
- 5:50 pm**
- 6. Dance Of Thin GyanFestival
- 6:00 pm**
- 7. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- 6. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- 9. Ahlshame Hlagabawai
- 6:35 pm**
- 10. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm**
- 11. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
- 12. News
- 13. Policy Song
- 14. International News
- 15. Weather Report
- 16. Cartoon Series
- 17. TV Drama Series
- 18. Gitadagale Phwinfbaohn

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Car pollution can damage brain



The tailpipe of a vehicle is seen going past a pedestrian in Los Angeles, California. Being exposed to highway pollution can cause brain damage in mice akin to memory loss and Alzheimer's disease, US researchers said Thursday.

WASHINGTON, 8 April—Being exposed to highway pollution can cause brain damage in mice akin to memory loss and Alzheimer's disease, US researchers said Thursday.

Scientists recreated

the airborne pollutants that come from the burning of fossil fuels and the weathering of car parts and pavement, and exposed mice to the harsh air for 15 hours per week over 10 weeks. The tiny air particles were

“roughly one-thousandth the width of a human hair, and too small for car filtration systems to trap,” but exerted massive damage on the brains of the exposed mice, said the study.

“You can't see them,

but they are inhaled and have an effect on brain neurons that raises the possibility of long-term brain health consequences of freeway air,” said senior author Caleb Finch of the University of Southern California.

Scientists found that the exposure resulted in “significant damage” to neurons involved in learning and memory, and they detected “signs of inflammation associated with premature aging and Alzheimer's disease.”

Internet

Dailies to appear in turn during New Year Holiday

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — Dailies of the News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will be published in turn during the Myanmar New Year Holiday.

Kyemon Daily and The New Light of Myanmar Daily will be in circulation on 12,13,14,15 and 16 April. During these days, Myanmar Alin Daily will not appear and it will be in circulation on 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 April. On these days, Kyemon Daily and The New Light of Myanmar Daily will not appear.

All the papers will resume a regular circulation on 22 April.

MNA

Wellwishers invited to donate cash and publications to MLF

YANGON, 8 April — Myanmar Libraries Foundation is making efforts to broaden the horizons of the people and ensure development of self-reliant libraries. Wellwishers are invited to donate cash and publications to the foundation at No(228) on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756).

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Significant day temperature

Chauk	(42°C)
Monywa, Aunglan	(41°C)
Hsinbyugyun	(41°C)



Home Affairs Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

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Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin being welcomed by Russian Ambassador to Myanmar at reception to mark 60th Anniversary diplomatic ties and Golden Jubilee First Man's space flight.

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