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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.

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Health sector needs employees' commitment to be reliable, qualified in combating diseases

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April — Minister for Health Dr. Pe Thet Khin urged employees of the ministry to make commitment to become reliable and qualified ones for the people.

At the meeting with in-charges and employees of the disease combating units of the Department of Health here, the minister also called on them to work in coordination with each other to achieve success and to avoid corruptions in work.

He also stressed the need for not making mistakes in providing health care to the people as the work demands putting lives of patients at risk.

The minister also urged them to work with sympathy, serving in the interest of the people and to work within the frame when they help social activities.

Next, the minister inspected the emergency management room and visited units for sexually transmitted diseases, TB, malaria, trachoma and blindness, leprosy, central expanded program on immunization and communicable diseases control.

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Minister Dr. Pe Thet Khin holds meeting with officials of the units for combating diseases.

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Myanmar Libraries Foundation invites cash and publications

YANGON, 11 April—The Myanmar Libraries Foundation is making encouragement to broaden the horizons of the people and ensure development of self-reliant libraries.

Wellwishers wishing to donate cash and publications may contact the foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township. Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.—MNA

Yarpe-Dawn inter-village road in Thantlang Township put into service

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April— The opening of Yarpe-Dawn inter-village road was held in Thantlang Township on 7 April. The earth road is seven miles long and twelve feet wide.

Minister for Transport, Communications and Construction of Chin State U Kyin Hlyan Paung, Thantlang Township Administrator U Chit Ko Ko, Superintending Engineer of Chin State U Ngun Hsan Aung and Engineer Daw Shwe Kee of

Thantlang Township Public Works cordially greeted local people.

Next, the Chin State minister and party inspected construction of new three-mile long road between Mile Post Nos (17/2) and (22/0) on Thantlang-Lonle road and visited Auto Exchange, Telegraph Office and Post Office in Thantlang.

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Farmers urged to efficiently use water of Thaphanseik, Kindat and Kaboe dams



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Afghan and NATO forces examine the site after a suicide attack, in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 9 April, 2011.

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Police officers in protective suits observe a moment of silence for those who were killed by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, as they search for bodies in a destroyed area in Minamisoma, Fukushima prefecture, about 18km from damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant, 11 April.

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Technical innovation for industrialization

With the agrarian economy, the nation is transforming itself into a modern industrialized one through further development of agriculture and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well.

In pursuit of the ultimate goal of becoming an industrialized nation, the people have to make sustained efforts for industrial development. Now, more and more electric power plants are being built to meet the fundamental requirement of electricity for national industrialization.

A growing number of industrial regions and zones are emerging across the nation. Heavy industries and import-substitute goods enterprises are gathering momentum. And the State-owned and private-owned industries are making a good headway.

In addition, the government is rendering technical assistance and attending other needs to expedite the processes.

Productivity of the industrial regions and zones is very encouraging, but they have yet to boost production of high-quality items, build capacity of workforces, and minimize loss and wastage to be able to compete with their counterparts in other countries for greater market share.

Quality control is of paramount importance in manufacturing goods. Factories and plants should pay more attention to customer satisfaction, operation at full capacity, innovations and collaborative efforts to help achieve the national goal.

RCSC donates cash to Tahlay-quake victims



Chairman of Myanmar Red Cross Society Professor Dr Tha Hla Shwe accepts cash donation from Chinese people through Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua.

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People's Defence

- * 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

Prize presentation ceremony of Yachting Championship 2011 held

YANGON, 11 April — The prize presentation ceremony of Yachting Championship 2011 was held at the lawn of Yangon Sailing Club of Myanmar Yachting Federation on Innya Road here yesterday.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu, Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department and MYF President U Moe Myint presented prizes to winners. Next, dinner



hosted by Myanmar Yachting Federation followed.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe presents prize to a winner in Yachting Championship 2011.—MNA

Magway Region departmental officials, deputy commissioners and administrators meet



Work coordination meeting of Magway Region departmental personnel, deputy commissioners and administrators of districts and townships in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April — The work coordination meeting of Magway Region departmental personnel, deputy commissioners and administrators of districts and townships was held at the meeting hall of Magway

Region Government Office on 9 April.

Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe assigned duties of yearly projects for 2011-12 fiscal year to officials of five districts in the Region.

YANGON, 11 April — Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) donated cash to earthquake victims of Tahlay in Tachilek District of Shan State at the Chinese Embassy on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Avenue in Dagon Township here this evening.

Next, the oil field and factory managers in Magway Region and deputy commissioners reported to the chief minister on work progress in agriculture, education and health sectors and regional development and greening tasks of respective districts.

Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua said that the donation was the humanitarian aid of Chinese people to Tahlay-quake victims and donated US\$ 50,000 through Chairman of Myanmar Red Cross Society Professor Dr Tha Hla Shwe who presented certificate of honour to the former and spoke words of thanks.

Next, departmental officials made supplementary reports.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister called for plans to be laid down for regional food sufficiency, systematic measures for adequate supply of irrigation water, continuous efforts for gaining momentum in health and education sectors and regional development and greening tasks and fire preventive measures.—MNA

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Gordon Brown admits 'big mistake' over banks

LONDON, 11 April—Ex-prime minister Gordon Brown admitted that he made a “big mistake” in not seeking tighter regulations on banks in the lead up to the financial crisis.

The former leader told a conference in the US that he had not fully appreciated how “entangled” the global financial system had become when establishing the

Financial Services Authority (FSA), the country’s regulatory body.

“We set up the FSA believing the problem would come from the failure of an individual institution,” Brown said. “That was the big mistake. We didn’t understand just how entangled things were.

“I have to accept my responsibility.” New Chancellor of

the Exchequer George Osborne has announced plans to break up the FSA and hand more regulatory power to the Bank of England.

Brown said he believed the will to tighten regulation was weakening in the face of lobbying by the financial sector. “I do believe we’re going back to a race to the bottom,” he warned.

Internet



A destroyed Afghan army bus is being towed in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 9 April, 2011. A suicide bomber attacked an army bus on the outskirts of Kabul on Saturday, wounding several soldiers and civilians, a police spokesman said. ‘A suicide bomber on foot attacked an army bus and initial reports indicate that three soldiers have been wounded,’ said Hashmat Stanekzai, spokesman for Kabul Police Chief.—INTERNET

Bomb kills three tribal elders in western Afghanistan

KABUL, 11 April—A roadside bomb killed three tribal elders in western Afghanistan on Sunday, possibly in retaliation for their cooperation with the government.

The men were driving to a meeting with villagers and other tribal elders to discuss what sort of projects the Afghan government and international donors should fund when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb, killing all of them, officials said.

One of the dead, Sayid Ahmad, was the head of the group of tribal elders who organized the meeting,

said Abdul Basir Kherkywi, the head of Farah Province’s local council.

The meeting was common knowledge in the area and officials said the men were probably directly targeted.

“The enemy probably knew they’d be driving on this road,” said Yonus Rasouli, the deputy governor.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but the Taleban and other insurgent groups regularly target Afghans working with the government or international forces.—Internet

Afghan and NATO forces examine the site after a suicide attack, in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 9 April, 2011.

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Bombs in two Iraqi cities kill 10

BAGHDAD, 11 April—Bombings in two central Iraqi cities killed at least 10 people Monday, with twin blasts near a school and market in a former insurgent stronghold leaving at least six dead, officials said.

In the city of Fallujah, police chief Brig Gen Mahmoud al-Issawi said a parked car packed with explosives blew up at about 11:00 am as police were trying to defuse it. The blast killed two policemen.

About 15 minutes later, the second car bomb exploded about 150 meters (yards) away, targeting people gathered near the scene of the first blast, Al-Issawi said. That blast killed four civilians and injured 20, including two policemen. The target was unclear, but both cars exploded near a school and market.

Fallujah is located 40 miles (65 kilometres) west of Baghdad in the Sunni-dominated Anbar Province. It was once a capital for Iraq’s militancy.

Earlier Monday, four civilians were killed and 11 others wounded when a minibus hit a roadside bomb in southeastern Baghdad, officials said. Among the dead was a 10-year girl.

Internet

Bus passengers kidnapped for recruitment in Mexico gangs

MEXICO CITY, 11 April—A bus was hijacked in a northern Mexican state to recruit the male passengers as gunmen in drug gangs, according to witnesses.

The bus, heading for the border with the US, was stopped by armed men in San Fernando city in Tamaulipas state. The armed men forced young men off the bus and let the rest of the passengers go, the *Reforma* newspaper reported citing witnesses’ accounts.

The young men taken off the bus were led away by the gunmen, it said. Several drug cartels operate in Tamaulipas, a state on the border with Texas.

Some gangs have resorted to using unusual methods to recruit gunmen because of high casualties in the gang war being waged by rival drug traffickers for control of territory, the federal government said.

Internet



An Afghan disabled man begs on the street, in the Old City district, in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 9 April, 2011.

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India begins stealth combat drone project

NEW DELHI, 11 April—India has quietly embarked on an ambitious programme to develop its own stealth unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs) or “smart” drones capable of firing missiles at enemy targets with precision, local daily *The Times of India* reported on Monday. “With 500 million rupees (10 million

US dollars) as seed money, a full-fledged project team with 15 to 18 scientists has already begun work on the UCAV’s preliminary design and technology,” the newspaper quoted India’s Defence Research and Development Organization chief controller (aeronautics) Dr Prahlada as saying. “With on-board

mission computers, data links, fire control radars, identification of friend or foe, and traffic collision avoidance systems, they will be highly intelligent drones,” Dr Prahlada said.—Internet

A burned tent is seen in north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 8 April, 2011.

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Science

NASA to decide shuttle display locations



NASA's Space Shuttle "Endeavour" sits on Launch Complex 39A following its rollout from the Vehicle Assembly Building at the Kennedy Space Centre on March 11, 2011.—INTERNET

shuttles will be displayed for future generations.

At least 20 sites across the country are vying for one of the shuttles, including the National Museum of the US Air Force outside of Dayton, Ohio, and the Kennedy Space Centre in Mims, Fla.

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden is expected to announce Tuesday the final resting places for *Discovery*, *Endeavor*, *Atlantis* and other equipment once officially retired.

Since *Atlantis* has flown more classified missions, space aficionados believe it is a leading candidate for a military-based museum, while *Endeavor* might be a better bet to land on Florida's "Space Coast."

Robert Pearlman, editor of collectSpace.com, told *Florida Today* Saturday the KSC visitors' complex is a "clear favourite" to land one of the shuttles.

At least 20 sites in total are jockeying for the chance to display pieces of the former space programme's fleet.

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WASHINGTON, 11 April —NASA officials are gravitating toward a decision on where several retired space

Titan may have 'ghost' crater

Tuscon, 11 April— US astronomers say a huge impact scar may exist, and would be the largest such structure, on the otherwise mostly smooth surface of Saturn's moon Titan.

Compared to other moons throughout the solar system, Titan has very few impact craters.

Robert Brown of the University of Arizona and colleagues spotted the roughly circular, 1,100-mile-wide bright patch near Titan's equator while studying infrared images snapped by the *Cassini* spacecraft, *NewScientist.com* reported Friday. Radar data suggest Titan's crust is fractured in this area, something the researchers say would be expected following an impact.

The team says they believe a 35-mile wide body crashed into Titan early in its history, creating the surface feature. Unlike fresh craters, the interior of the feature is only slightly lower than the surrounding landscape, suggesting its great age. "It's like the ghost of a crater," Brown said.—*Internet*



Japan's H-IIB rocket lifts off from the Tanegashima space centre in southern Japan, on 22 January, 2011. Asia's extraterrestrial ambitions have rocketed from nowhere in the 50 years since the first human space flight, with China shooting for the moon while India and Japan fuel up their own programmes.

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Technology

Ads a drawback with LockMenu for Android

NEW YORK, 11 April—LockMenu for your Android phone is a practical alternative to your phone's default lock screen.

A standard application that helps you preserve battery life, that lock on your phone is a simple, single, sliding-lock mechanism you tap and drag to get to your phone's home screen.

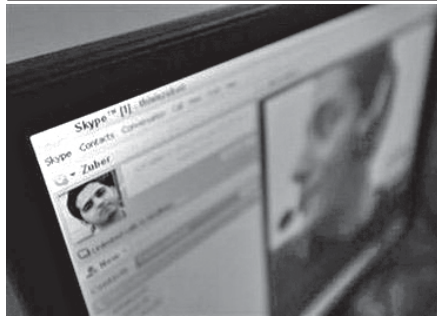
What's neat about LockMenu, though, is that instead of having just one of these sliders, the app allows users to configure as many as seven of them. This way, as soon as you pick up your phone, you can directly navigate your way to all of your most frequently used applications.

It doesn't take a lot of energy to unlock your

Droid after it has timed out (it's just a quick flick of the thumb), but it still can be an aggravating task when you have to do it every few seconds. What's really neat about LockMenu is that by tapping into the app's preferences (tap your phone's menu) you can change the amount of time that passes before your phone screen locks up. The options range from five seconds to 30 minutes.

The sliders themselves maintain the tight, sleek look of your Android's default lock application, but the app's ads do clutter the screen a bit.

Internet



Zubair Ghumro speaks to his friend Sheeraz Qazalbash using Skype software at an internet cafe in central London in this August 10, 2010 file photo.—INTERNET

Amazon, watch out: Sony launches cloud music player on PSP

WASHINGTON, 11 April—Sony is debuting a mobile version of its nascent cloud-based music player on 14 April, starting with PlayStation Portable owners.

First launched on non-mobile devices in February, "Music Unlimited Powered by

Qriocity" will let PSP owners instantly stream songs, create playlists, and received personalized music channels from a catalog of "over seven million songs" from the Big Four music labels: Universal Music Group, Sony Music Entertainment, Warner Music Group and EMI

Music, as well as independent labels and publishers.

Users will be able to play songs through most internet-connected Sony devices, like PlayStation 3 consoles, Bravia TVs, VAIO laptops, and Blu-ray players. PSP owners can access their accounts on the go. See Sony's

video demo below.

Because playlists are stored remotely, in a "cloud," PSP users can synch their music folders to their PlayStations without having to transfer any music files.

Users can try a Premium account free for 30 days by going to Qmusic.—*Internet*



Bloggers and other participants use their computers at an event in Berlin in 2010. Already a magnet for tourists and young artists, Berlin is attracting a new generation of Internet start-ups, changing the ways scientists interact or musicians store and share music.—INTERNET



Health

Caffeine may contribute to diabetes

DURHAM, 11 April—Caffeine may contribute to type 2 diabetes, US researchers say, citing a study that challenges previous research that caffeine helps prevent diabetes.

James Lane of Duke University says studies have shown the increase in blood glucose levels that occurs after adults with type 2 diabetes eat carbohydrates is exaggerated if they also drink a caffeinated beverage such as coffee.

The inaugural issue of *Journal of Caffeine Research: The International Multidisciplinary Journal of Caffeine Science* reports a growing body of research suggests caffeine disrupts glu-

ucose metabolism and may contribute to the development and poor control of type 2 diabetes.

This caffeine effect could contribute to higher glucose levels in those with diabetes and could compromise treatment aimed at controlling their blood glucose, Lane says.

"The links that have been revealed between diabetes and the consumption of caffeine beverages especially coffee are of monumental importance when it is acknowledged that more than 80 percent of the world's population consumes caffeine daily," Jack E James, editor in chief of journal and of the National University of Ireland, says.—*Internet*



A pregnant woman walks around the Askham community health care clinic in Askham village in the Kalahari, Northern Cape in 2010. South Africa has the world's largest HIV-positive population, with 5.7 million of its 48 million people infected with the virus.—INTERNET

Successful schools may help keep kids out of trouble

CHICAGO, 12 April—Students who go to schools that achieve better-than-expected academic results may be less likely to use drugs or alcohol, steal or fight, finds a new study. University of Florida researchers looked at academic achievement scores at 61 inner-city middle schools in Chicago between 2002 and 2005. Seven schools did better than expected and the rates of drug and alcohol use and delinquency by students at those schools were as much as 25 percent lower compared to other schools.

The study was published in the March issue of the journal *Prevention Science*. The schools in the study all had high numbers of students from ethnic minorities and poor homes, factors that are often associated with lower achievement in school, noted lead author Amy Tobler, a research assistant professor of health outcomes and policy at the University of Florida College of Medicine.

"It could be good teaching, better administration, whatever these schools are doing, if we can replicate it, it will lead to not only academic achievement but improvement in healthy behaviors as well," she said in a university news release. "Some schools can break that strong link between sociodemographic disadvantage and drug use and delinquency."—*Internet*



Obese people walk take a morning walk at a special school in California that helps teenagers lose weight. A new treatment for obesity that combines two existing drugs resulted in twice as much weight loss as the only approved long-term anti-obesity medication, according to a study released Monday.

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Business



Warner board to review bids this week

NEW YORK, 12 April — Warner Music Group's board is expected to review second-round bids for the company at a meeting in the coming week, a source familiar with the matter said.

Up to 10 investors have put in bids ahead of the meeting, offering a range of valuations from \$2.8 billion to slightly above \$3 billion on an enterprise-value basis, the source said.

Among the potential buyers for all or part of Warner are music companies Live Nation and BMG Rights Management, a joint venture between Bertelsmann and private equity firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co, the source said.

Other bidders include Platinum Equity, billionaire Ron Burkle's Yucaipa Co, billionaire Len Blavatnik, investor Ron Perelman and Sony Corp, which is specifically interested in the song publishing unit. A Warner spokesman declined to comment.

Warner Music effectively put itself up for sale in January when it hired Goldman Sachs Group Inc and AGM Partners to explore strategic options after it was approached about selling its assets.

Reuters

Highrise buildings are seen in the central business District of Singapore. The central banks of the city state and China are in talks to establish the tiny nation as a trading hub for the Chinese yuan, a report said Monday.

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A worker is seen installing components onto an electric vehicle on an assembly line in Yokosuka, Kanagawa Prefecture. Japan's core private-sector machinery orders, a leading indicator of corporate capital spending, fell by more than expected in the month before a massive earthquake, data showed on Monday.

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Japan core machinery orders drop 2.3% in February

TOKYO, 11 April — Japan's core private-sector machinery orders, a leading indicator of corporate capital spending, fell by more than expected in the month before a massive earthquake, data showed on Monday.

Core machinery orders fell 2.3 percent from a month earlier in February, with the bigger-than-expected fall during pre-quake conditions raising concerns about the severity of the March 11 quake's impact in the months to come. The first fall in three months compares with the median forecast for a 1.1-percent fall in a poll of economists surveyed by *Dow Jones Newswires* and the *Nikkei*.

"If February is this bad, post-quake March will be even more severe," Okasan Securities strategist Hideyuki Ishiguro told *Dow Jones Newswires*.

The negative core data, which exclude volatile demand from power companies and for ships, followed rises of 4.2 percent in January and 1.7 percent in December, the Cabinet Office said.

Internet

US citizen among bus passengers abducted in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 11 April—At least one US citizen was among dozens of men reportedly forced off passenger buses by armed attackers in the northeastern border state of Tamaulipas, where 72 bodies were found in mass graves last week, US officials said Sunday.

The man has yet to be located, said a warden's message posted on the website of the consulate, which is

located in the Tamaulipas city of Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, Texas.

It is not unusual for people living or working in Mexican border states to have been born in the US

In a separate warden's message issued Friday, the consulate had warned that Mexican criminal gangs may be planning attacks "in the near future" against US law enforcement or US

citizens in Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon and San Luis Potosi, three northern states wracked by drug violence as cartels battle for territory.

The report said the information was uncorroborated but was being distributed to all US employees in those three states. There was no mention of closing consulates or sending State Department workers out of the country.—*Internet*



A child looks at a Ministerial police officer standing next to truck with two bodies killed in Mexico, on 8 April. An estimated 35,000 people have been killed since 2006 when President Felipe Calderon ordered a military crackdown on drug cartels.

INTERNET

Shooting in Philadelphia suburb kills two, wounds eight

PHILADELPHIA, 11 April—Gunfire at a party on Friday night in a Philadelphia suburb has left a second person dead and eight people wounded, authorities said on Sunday.

The shooting occurred just before midnight on Friday in Chester, Pennsylvania, about 15 miles outside Philadelphia.

Authorities had said on Saturday they had a suspect in custody, but did not release further details. The investigation was continuing.

Ten victims were transported to local hospitals where one died in the emergency room and another died on Sunday, Crozer-Chester Medical Centre spokesman Grant Gegwich said.

Three victims remained in the hospital in stable condition, Gegwich said. All others had been treated and released.

Local media reported the shooting took place at a teenage birthday party being held in a rented space.—*Reuters*

Cleanup of tornado-swept Iowa town to take months



Jason Mauch, centre, carries a basket of belongings from his destroyed house in Mapleton, Iowa, Sunday, April 10, 2011, after a large tornado struck the town.—INTERNET

MAPLETON, 11 April—Tom Sanford stepped carefully through his tornado ravaged home, his work shoes crunching on broken glass and wood splinters scattered across the floor. In the living room, next to his busted television, lay part of his neighbour's chimney.

"Isn't that something?" said Sanford, 92, who bought his house in 1946. "But we're going to fix it. My house will be repaired."

Sanford and his neighbours in Mapleton will spend the next several months rebuilding the western Iowa town of 1,200. Emergency responders have not yet calculated an exact dollar amount for the losses in Saturday evening's storm that damaged or destroyed more than half the town but left no one dead. The Monona County sheriff said the recovery would likely cost millions of dollars, and Gov Terry Branstad has promised state help.—*Internet*

7.1-magnitude quake jolts Japan, tsunami warning in effect

TOKYO, 11 April—A strong quake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.1 jolted eastern, northeastern parts of Japan at 5:16 pm local time (0816 GMT) on Monday. A tsunami alert was issued, according to Japan Meteorological Agency.

The epicenter, with depth of 10 km, was near Hamadori of Fukushima Prefecture. Swaying was strongly felt in buildings in Tokyo, some 200 km south of Hamadori. Two-meter tsunami waves are expected to hit the Pacific coast in Ibaraki Prefecture soon, the agency said, urging people to evacuate to higher locations.—*Xinhua*

Death toll reaches 13,116 from great quake, tsunami in Japan

TOKYO, 11 April—The Japanese National Police Agency said on Monday that the March 11 earthquake and tsunami have left 13,116 people dead and 14,377 others unaccounted for in Japan by 10:00 am local time (0100 GMT).

About 151,000 survivors are staying in 2,300 shelters across the country as one month has passed since the quake and tsunami.

A 9.0-magnitude earthquake hit the Pacific coastal areas of northeastern and eastern Japan on 11 March, triggering enormous



Police officers in protective suits observe a moment of silence for those who were killed by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, as they search for bodies at a destroyed area in Minamisoma, Fukushima prefecture, about 18km from the damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant, April 11, 2011.—XINHUA

tsunami.

Heavy casualties and extensive damage

have been caused by the twin disasters.

Internet

Red River Valley flood fight shifts north of Fargo

FARGO, 11 April—The Red River Valley flood fight shifted Sunday from the cities of Fargo and Moorhead, Minn, to rural areas north of the north-flowing river, which crested Saturday night in Fargo at its fourth highest level in recorded history.

Fargo officials said the metropolitan area appears to be in good shape, but urged residents not to travel outside the city. About 60 miles of roads were closed in Cass County, where Fargo is located,

and another 10 miles of roads were washed over, officials said. Interstate 29 north of Fargo was closed for about 25 miles. Some tributaries of the Red River were at record levels.

"In the southern part of the valley, it's quiet," Fargo Mayor Dennis Walaker said Sunday. "In the northern part of the valley, especially in Cass County, they're having extreme problems." About 425 National Guard members were on duty in Cass County and were ready to help with

evacuations if needed, North Dakota Gov Jack Dalrymple said Sunday. He said there haven't



been "many very serious situations," but officials were monitoring the rise of overland flooding.

North Dakota National Guardsmen, left, walk the levee protecting downtown Fargo, ND from the floodwaters of the Red River on 9 April, 2011.

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"Things are pretty rough in the county," Dalrymple said.

Internet

S Korean nuclear experts to visit Japan over nuclear crisis

SEOUL, 11 April—South Korean and Japanese experts will meet later this week in Tokyo to discuss Japan's nuclear debacle, the first such meeting since the devastating earthquake and tsunami last month crippled nuclear reactors in Japan's northeastern province of Fukushima, local reports said Monday.

The two-day meeting starting Tuesday will bring together six South Korean experts including those from the Korea Institute of Nuclear Safety and their Japanese counterparts, who are expected to discuss threats of radiation leaks from the damaged

reactors and check and monitor radiation levels.

The meeting comes after South Korea expressed concern last week over neighbouring Japan's release of water contaminated with low-level radiation into the sea without any prior warning, which sparked public criticism here for a lack of communication between the two neighbours.

Depending on the outcome of the meeting, South Korea might consider dispatching a team of nuclear experts to Japan or conducting a joint research with Japan, according to local reports.

Xinhua

Plane crash kills two, injures four in Philippine city

BAGUIO, 11 April—A small plane carrying six people crashed in a popular mountain resort city in the northern Philippines on Sunday, killing two of those on board and injuring the others, officials said.

The six-seater *Piper Aztec* plane crashed and burst into flames on a hilly horse-riding trail in Camp John Hay, a former US military recreation centre, a few



Investigators inspect the still smoldering six-seater Piper Aztec plane after it crashed in a popular mountain resort city of Baguio in the northern Philippines, on 10 April, 2011.

INTERNET

minutes after taking off from Baguio city's airport, regional military commander Lt Gen Gaudencio Pangilinan said.

One passenger was killed instantly and another died later in a hospital, officials said.

Renee Gabuyog, a horseback-riding guide, said he saw the plane flying unusually low over the pine trees and then heard a loud thud followed by an explosion.

No one on the ground was injured.

The pilot may have wanted to make an emergency landing on a grassy clearing but struck some trees, police said. The plane crashed near restaurants, hotels and a picnic area where a weekend crowd had gathered.

Baguio, called the country's summer capital for its cool weather, is famous for its mountain scenes and pine trees.

An investigation is under way to determine the cause of the crash, police said.

Reuters

Life for Australian who threw daughter from bridge

MELBOURNE, 11 April—An Australian man who tossed his daughter from a central city bridge in front of her two young brothers and horrified peak-hour motorists was on Monday jailed for life.

Arthur Freeman, 37, was convicted of murdering four-year-old Darcey by throwing her from Melbourne's West Gate bridge on 29 January, 2009 amid a bitter custody battle with his ex-wife over their three children.



Photo illustration shows a police van leaving a courthouse in Australia. A man who tossed his daughter from a bridge in the centre of Melbourne in front of her two young brothers and horrified peak-hour motorists was on Monday jailed for life.—INTERNET

Her brothers, aged two and six, watched from the car as Darcey plunged 80 meters (260 feet), sustaining massive internal injuries and ultimately drowning in a case that shocked the city.

The jury heard that after the father left the scene, his eldest son Ben begged him to go back because "Darcey can't swim. But he kept on driving. He didn't go back and get her."

It was supposed to have been Darcey's first day at school.—*Internet*

Police officers in protective suits search for bodies inside a smashed car at a destroyed area, about 18km from the damaged Fukushima nuclear power station, in Minamisoma, Fukushima prefecture, on 10 April, 2011.—INTERNET



Australian Gov't releases offshore areas for oil exploration

CANBERRA, 11 April—The Australian federal government on Monday released the biggest area in more than a decade for offshore petroleum exploration, in a move to highlight the country's commitment to exploiting its rich endowment of natural resources to meet Asia's surging demand for energy.

A total of 29 areas in nine basins in Australian waters covering around 200,000 square kilometers have been released, stretching from the West Coast through the Northern waters to Victoria in the south.

According to Resources and Energy Minister Martin Ferguson, the release of 29 areas for offshore petroleum exploration is vital for Australia's future energy sources.

"The release of acreage is a critical step in maintaining Australia's energy security," Ferguson said in a statement released on Monday.

Internet

Woodside shares rise on reports of BHP takeover

SYDNEY, 11 April—Shares in major Australian energy producer Woodside Petroleum jumped more than six percent in early trade Monday, on renewed speculation that mining giant BHP Billiton had the company in its sights.

Britain's *Sunday Times* reported that BHP was in talks to buy Royal Dutch Shell's 24 percent stake in Woodside, followed by a full takeover bid worth some US\$50 billion.

An Australian spokeswoman for BHP

said the company would not comment on the reports, but shares in Woodside rose to Aus\$50.46 in early Monday trade, adding

Liquified natural gas storage tanks are seen at the Woodside-operated North West Shelf Gas Venture in Western Australia. INTERNET



6.77 percent, or Aus\$3.20, to Friday's close.

The Australian Financial Review on Monday said BHP and Shell had been in detailed talks on a possible deal but indicated no decision was imminent.

It quoted Shell

Australia country chairwoman Ann Pickard as telling reporters in Perth on Sunday there were "no commercial discussions" on the company's Woodside holding and she was "not in a hurry to do anything" with it.

Internet

Japan set to extend nuclear evacuation zone

TOKYO, 11 April—Japan plans to extend the evacuation zone around its crippled nuclear plant because of high radiation levels, local media reported Monday, with

engineers no closer to regaining control of six reactors hit by a giant tsunami one month ago.

Engineers at the damaged Fukushima Daiichi plant north of Tokyo said Sunday they were no closer to restoring the plant's cooling system which is critical if overheated fuel rods are to be cooled and the six reactors brought under control.

They are hoping to stop pumping radioactive water into the ocean Monday, days later than planned.

Four weeks after the worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl quarter of a century ago, the government was moving to extend a 20 km (12 mile) evacuation zone due to high levels of radiation, the *Asahi* newspaper reported.—*Reuters*

Farmers urged to efficiently use water of Thaphanseik, Kindat and Kaboe dams for agricultural purpose

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing inspects Kindat Diversion Weir.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—On his inspection tour of Thaphanseik multipurpose dam project in Kyunhla Township on 8 April, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing stressed the need for anticipating possibilities of climate change, to conserve watershed areas of the dam.

He urged staff to make field trips to the grassroots-level for cultivation of double and mixed cropping, sufficient supply of water in time and fulfillment of requirements of the farmers.

The minister inspected inflow of water into the dam, storage of water, generating of electricity and supply of water for agriculture purpose.

On 9 April, the minister looked into Kindat Diversion Weir and Kaboe Dam in Kanbalu Township and urged local farmers to efficiently use water for agricultural purpose. Thaphanseik multipurpose dam can store 2,880,000 acre-feet of



water. Local farmers grow 820,000 acres of monsoon and summer paddy yearly with the use of irrigation water from Kindat Diversion Weir and Kaboe Dams. Kindat Diversion Dam irrigates 200,000 acres of

farmlands whereas Kaboe Dam is supplying water to 332,326 acres of farmlands in Kanbalu, KhinU, Shwebo, Wetlet, Sagaing, YeU, Dabayin and Ayadaw townships.—MNA

Road, bridge construction in Ayeyawady Region inspected



Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint views site chosen for the construction of Hainggyikyun suspension bridge.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April — Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected fixing of steel truss at Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) on 9 April.

Next, the deputy minister looked into construction of Pathein-Ngapudaw road. On his arrival at worksites of Paypin and Thetkalchaung river crossing bridges on the road, the deputy minister called for parallel completion of approach roads and the bridges.

Yesterday, the deputy minister oversaw work progress of companies which are carrying out tarmacking of road sections on Pathein-Thalakhwar-Mawtinsoon road, preparations for construction of Phaya creek and Pinyinma creek bridges on the road to Kyonku village and site chosen for Hainggyikyun suspension bridge.

MNA

YANGON, 11 April—Organized by Meteorology and Hydrology Department under the Ministry of Transport, a preliminary meeting on submitting report on preparatory works for adaptation to climate change in Myanmar under United Nations Environmental Conservation Programme, was held at Micasa Hotel here this morning.

Director-General U Tin Ngwe of the department delivered an opening speech. By implementing the report project, Myanmar will be able to systematically calculate impacts of the climate change on agriculture and forestry, bio-diversity, water resources, energy, transportation, industries and coastal zones, suggest and take measures against the climate change, and seek means to be adaptable to climate change.—MNA

MHD addresses climate change



Coordination meeting for drafting climate change report in progress.—MNA



An Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Thein Swe and wife Daw Mya Theingi donate Ultrasound and hand over documents related to Sangha Hospital Building to Medical Superintendent Dr Than Tun.

MNA

Medical equipment, new Sangha Hospital building handed over

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April— A ceremony to hand over an Ultrasound worth K 12 million for the 100-bed General Hospital in An Township of Rakhine State and the new An Township Sangha Hospital Building that costs K 36.625 million was held at the hospital on

7 April.

An Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Thein Swe and wife Daw Mya Theingi handed over documents related to the ultrasound and new Sangha hospital building to Medical Superintendent Dr Than Tun.

Next, U Thein Swe

explained the purpose of the donation and presented cash assistance to patients.

The township Sangha hospital building measuring 64x31 feet is RC type one. The construction work started on 29 November 2010 and completed on 7 April.

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SWRR Minister receives UNICEF Resident Representative, IOM Chief of Mission



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi receives Chief of Mission Ms. Mariko Miyamoto of International Organization for Migration (IOM) Myanmar and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi received UNICEF Resident Representative Mr. Ramesh Shrestha at 1 pm and Chief of Mission

Ms. Mariko Miyamoto of International Organization for Migration (IOM) Myanmar and party at 2 pm separately at the ministry here today.

The UNICEF side discussed matters related to

Group Home Project and conducting awareness course for curbing minor recruitment for military services and the IOM, resending the trafficked victims to their parents and family integration.—MNA

Bomb hoax exposed in Pazundaung, just a plot to blow public panic

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April — Officials cleared a suspicious paper box on the platform in Pazundaung Township in Yangon on 9 April as the anti-government organizations and destructive elements left the box to cause panic among the public despite the container is found to be free of explosives.

According to investigations, two slipper and umbrella repairmen became aware that two strange men put down the paper box with Red Ruby brand and stood for about 15 minutes. The first one is with long face, short hair, brown complexion, moustache, about 5-ft and 5-in height and at the age of about 40. The other stranger is with short hair, brown complexion, well-built body, about 5-ft

and 4-in height. The box is 1 foot and 8 inches long, 1 and a half feet high and 1 foot wide. The witnesses said they did not notice when the strangers left the spot and they called the Pazundaung Police Station as they had found the container is still at the place till 5 pm. When inspected, the box is found to be filled with grasses and a coconut skin. The public is to call 199 or report to nearby police outpost or police station when they found the suspicious elements. The authorities concerned also urged the public to come forward with information if they found ownerless packages, cassettes, telephones, etc., wrongly placed and outnumbered materials at a particular place and those with strange behaviours.—MNA

Kenbo Cup Golf Tournament concludes

YANGON, 11 April — The final day of pre-Thingyan Kenbo Cup Golf Tournament, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation under the main sponsorship of Kenbo, was held at Shwe Manntaung Golf Club in Mandalay.

At the prize presentation ceremony at Oriental House restaurant in Mandalay on 8 April evening, Nearest to the Pin award went to Thet Maung Maung, Nearest to the Line to Myo Myint Aung and Longest Drive and Most Birdie to Naing Ye Lin.

MGF Vice-President U Min Thein presented first and second prizes to Naing

Ye Lin with total stroke of 141 and Soe Aung with 142. Vice-President U Aung Kyi awarded Than Naing Oo who stood third with total stroke of 146 and Than Win and Thet Zaw Htwe who stood fourth and fifth respectively. General Manager U Kyaw Win of Aung Kanbo Trading Ltd and Executive U Chan Han presented prizes to other winners.

Aung Kenbo Chairman U Aung Aung presented first and second prize winners a Kenbo motorbike each. MGF General Secretary U Aung Hla Han presented gift to Aung Kanbo Trading Ltd. — MNA

Transport Minister inspects port businesses

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April — On his arrival at Asia World Port on 9 April, Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung called on national entrepreneurs to make strenuous efforts on ports businesses and inspected loading containers onto foreign vessels at Asia World Port, extended construction of wharf and

arrival of containers and storage capacity.

Next, the minister visited Myanmar Industrial Port where he looked into unloading containers from foreign vessels, storage capacity and scanning containers with the use of X-Rays.

Then he proceeded to Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty being run by Myanma

Economic Holdings Limited and oversaw unloading cement bags from the vessel.—MNA



Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung at Asia World Port.

MNA

Hsin-ekari paddy strains become...

(from page 16)

Kachin State is in nurturing its goal of becoming the fourth granary in Myanmar. As a result of increasing sown acreage of Hsin-ekari-3 paddy and using advanced agricultural methods, average per acre yield of paddy touched 77.07 baskets in Mohnyin Township despite climate changes in 2010-2011.

Mohnyin Township branch of the Myanma Agriculture Service founded a model farm at Plot (317) in Maringon Village,



Farmer U Aung Bala from Ingyingon Village.

Ingyingon Village-tract, to produce Hsin-ekari-3 paddy (Grade-II) to boost paddy per acre yields. In addition, it is growing Hsinweyin and

Shweyinaye paddy strains in the township with 55 staff at different levels. Official In-Charge of the farm U Myint Than said that they were producing quality seeds of Hsin-ekari-3 paddy, organizing local farmers to use organic and inorganic fertilizers in a systematic way, and disseminating agricultural methods for boosting per acre yields of paddy.

A seminar on advanced agricultural methods and a demonstration of growing crops took place at Mohnyin Agricultural

Research Farm in October 2010. On the occasion, farmer U Aung Bala from Ingyingon Village whose Hsin-ekari-3 paddy fields fetched per acre yield of over 100 baskets in an interview said that farming was their family business; that his Hsin-ekari-3 strain paddy field was successful both in per acre yield and in quality; that Hsin-ekari-3 paddy tasted good and was the most suitable paddy strain for his region; and that farmers would gain bumper harvests of paddy if they chose favourable soil and high-yield strains and used advanced agricultural

methods.

In 2010-2011, Mohnyin Township could produce 9,726,011 baskets of paddy, growing 124,700 acres of fields. If quality seeds of high-yield paddy strains and agricultural methods are provided and

model farms are established all the more, there will be more townships that enjoy food security like Mohnyin Township.

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Two officials on a visit to Mohnyin Agricultural Research Farm.

Chinese firm opens technology training centre in Indonesian college

JAKARTA, 11 April—The Indonesian branch of China's Huawei Tech Investment, PT Huawei Indonesia, opened a brand new technology training centre in Bandung, West Java province, a statement issued by Huawei Indonesia said on Monday.

The centre, at a cost of 1 million US dollars, is part of Huawei's ongoing partnership programmes with the Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB).

The new training centre was jointly inaugurated by Indonesian Communications and Information (Kominfo) Minister Tifatul Sembiring, Chinese ambassador to Indonesia Zhang Qiyue, West Java Governor Ahmad Heryawan, ITB Dean Professor Akhmaloka Ph.D, Huawei Indonesia CEO Li Wenzhi, among others.

"Support from the technology

industry and the private sector generally is essential for us to continue to develop our most important resource, namely our people. This kind of real life training will help our young people and our nation as a whole to be more competitive in the modern world," Tifatul Sembiring said in his remarks to open the training centre.

The partnership between ITB and Huawei was first established since 2009, by providing scholarships, internships and sponsorship programmes for ITB students. Through the recently-held programme, Students Visits, 40 ITB students majoring in Telecommunications Engineering visited Huawei laboratories in Jakarta to see live demonstrations of the firm's latest products and applications in operation.

Xinhua



A model promotes a car at an auto show in Yantai of east China's Shandong Province, on 8 April, 2011. A total of 700 automobiles from 69 brands were displayed in the exhibition.

XINHUA

Man charged over nuclear submarine killing

LONDON, 11 April—Police have charged a Royal Navy officer with murder after a fellow officer was shot dead on a nuclear-powered submarine, the Crown Prosecution Service confirmed.

Ryan Donovan, 22, was also charged with three counts of attempted murder following Friday's incident on board the HMS Astute, Britain's most advanced submarine.

The attack claimed the life of Lieutenant Commander Ian Molyneux, 36. Lieutenant Commander Chris

Hodge, 45, was in a stable condition in hospital Sunday.

The shootings happened as local politicians were being shown around the vessel during its five-day visit to the port of Southampton.

"I have authorised them (the police) to charge Ryan Samuel Donovan with Ian Molyneux's murder and with the attempted murder of Christopher Brown, David McCoy, and Christopher Hodge," said Nick Hawkins, chief prosecutor for the Wessex service, which covers Southampton.—Internet



US fire fighters train Honduran and Panamanian fire fighters during a training in Enrique Soto Cano Air Base in Palmerola of Comayagua, northern Honduras, on 7 April, 2011. The training responds to emergencies and natural disasters which are frequently seen in Honduras.—XINHUA



Office workers are seen during a lunch break in central Sydney. Massive floods that hit the country this year will likely slash Aus\$4 billion from government revenues, Finance Minister Penny Wong said Sunday as she flagged a tough budget.

INTERNET

Singapore nuclear decision "long way away"

SINGAPORE, 11 April—Singapore is "a long way away" from a decision on whether to include nuclear power as part of its energy policy, a senior government official said on Monday.

S Iswaran, the Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry, said a "pre-feasibility study" was being carried out in order to "better understand the complex field of nuclear energy."

But "even with the completion of the pre-feasibility study, we will still be a long way away from making any decisions on nuclear energy for Singapore per se," Iswaran told parliament.

He said the crisis at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, which was crippled by the March 11 quake and tsunami, made it even more crucial for Singapore to embark on the study. Insights gained from the study will enable Singapore to understand the industry better since its neighbours including Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia have indicated plans to use atomic power.—Internet



An aerial view of Singapore. Singapore is "a long way away" from a decision on whether to include nuclear power as part of its energy policy, a senior government official has said.

INTERNET

Australia flags tough budget due to floods

SYDNEY, 10 April—Massive floods that hit Australia this year will likely slash Aus\$4 billion from government revenues, Finance Minister Penny Wong said Sunday as she flagged a tough budget.

The centre-left Labour government of Prime Minister Julia Gillard has already signalled spending cuts in the upcoming 10 May budget, in part due to the unprecedented floods that hit coal exports and destroyed key infrastructure.

Senator Wong said the enormous deluge, which covered much of coal-producing Queensland state and swamped farmland in Victoria, had forced the Treasury to revise the revenue forecasts it had released in November.

"There's been a hit on revenue," Wong said, adding that the floods had contributed to company tax revenue dropping by Aus\$3 billion (\$3.15 billion) and personal income tax receipts likely falling \$1 billion. "These are the facts. It's going to be a tough budget," she told ABC TV. Wong said the floods, and the destructive Cyclone Yasi that followed, had hurt the economy, amid cautious consumer sentiment and an Australian dollar at historic highs.—Internet

Indonesian students win prizes in US robotics contest

JAKARTA, 11 April—Indonesian students won prizes at the Trinity College Fire-Fighting Home Robot Contest, held in Connecticut, the US, local media reported here on Monday.

All robots made by the Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB), Gajah Mada University (UGM) and the Indonesian Computer University (Unikom) that entered the contest held over the weekend came away with prizes, a member of the Indonesian team announced.

"All robots representing Indonesia won," Indonesian team counselor Kusprasapta Mutijarsa said via Twitter, as quoted by the Jakarta Post online. Three robots made by Unikom students won in the RoboWaiter category during the first day of the contest.—Xinhua



With mile rising from a wildfire in the background, a state trooper drives along a road in Fort Davis, Texas, Sunday, 10 April, 2011. A fast-moving wildfire had spread to more than 60,000 acres in Presidio County and Jeff Davis County, where it destroyed about 20 homes in Fort Davis.—INTERNET

Philippines to import additional 300,000 MT of rice

MANILA, 11 April—The Philippine government plans to increase its rice imports by additional 300,000 metric tonnes (MT) to ensure supply to ease possible shortage which will be caused by storms in the second half of the year. If the government approves the additional imports volume, this will be on top of the 860,000 MT that is expected to enter the country, local media *Philippine Daily Inquirer* reported on Monday.

Earlier this year, the Southeast Asian country said it plans to cut rice imports for 2011 because it still had enough stock stored from previous years.

The Philippines is the world's biggest rice importer last year, having brought in 2.13 million tonnes of the commodity in 2010 after the El Nino dry spell cut down production by 3.04 percent to 15.77 million MT.

Xinhua



A farmer carries newly harvested rice stalks at a rice field in Mogpog town on Marinduque island, in central Philippines on 13 March, 2011.

XINHUA

Australia's LNG sector calls for carbon tax exemption

CANBERRA, 11 April—Australia's booming natural gas sector on Monday launched a campaign to be exempted from the federal government's proposed carbon tax, arguing the energy source is helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. According to chief executive of the biggest Australian-owned liquid natural gas (LNG) company Woodside Petroleum, Don Voelte, LNG can help deliver a "better world" and should be excluded from the carbon tax.

"Everywhere else in the world understands (liquid natural gas) ... (is a) cheap clean transitional fuel to a better world," Voelte told ABC Radio on Monday. "Gas should be excluded (from the tax)". Voelte said Australia was "going it alone" in the world with its plans for a carbon tax, which would penalize gas as a clean energy source, push up domestic gas prices and the cost of living, and hurt exports and manufacturing.—Xinhua

Indian industrial growth slows to 3.6%

NEW DELHI, 11 April—India's industrial output growth slowed to 3.6 percent from a year earlier in February, below analyst forecasts and far down on its 2010 peaks, official data showed on Monday.

February's output was less than January's revised 3.95-percent annual growth and substantially lower than its 15.1-percent expansion in February 2010, when Asia's third-largest economy was

emerging from the global downturn.

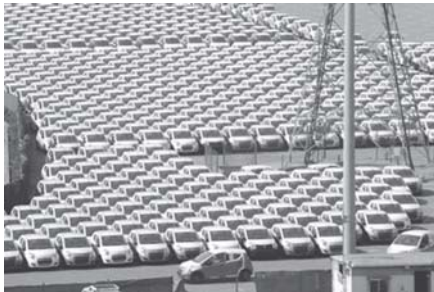
Analysts had expected India's industrial growth in February to be around 5.2 percent.

The below-expectation output comes after eight interest rate hikes in 12 months to tame stubborn inflation — the most aggressive monetary tightening in Asia — prompted manufacturers to scale back production. Manufacturing out-

put, which accounts for 80 percent of the industrial index, rose 3.5 percent in February, down from 16.1 percent growth a year earlier.

India's output performance contrasted with neighbouring China's industrial production, which expanded by 14.1 percent in the first two months of the year, compared with the same period in 2010.

Internet



Indian-manufactured Maruti Suzuki Alto cars are lined up for export at the port in Mundra. India's industrial output growth slowed to 3.6 percent from a year earlier in February, below analyst forecasts and far down on its 2010 peaks, official data has shown.—INTERNET

Australian watchdog fines JAL over cargo cartel

SYDNEY, 11 April—Australia on Monday fined Japan Airlines (JAL) Aus\$5.5 million (US\$5.8 million) after the carrier admitted its role in a long-running cargo cartel case involving 15 airlines.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) said JAL admitted to "making and giving effect to illegal price-fixing understandings with other international airlines" on fuel, insurance and security surcharges.

ACCC chairman Graeme Samuel said JAL had earned a "significant

discount" by making Monday's admissions at an early stage of legal proceedings and agreeing to cooperate in hearings against the other airlines.

JAL is the seventh of 15 airlines named in the case to settle and brings total penalties to Aus\$46.5 million, he added.

"This outcome continues to send a clear message to those involved in cartel behaviour — the ACCC will not stop its endeavours to identify and bring to an end illegal price-fixing conduct," Samuel said.—Internet



Japan Airlines (JAL) passenger aircraft stand on the tarmac of Tokyo's Haneda airport.

INTERNET

Michael Jackson fantasies play out on Xbox - PS3

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 April— Michael Jackson fans will get to show off how well they sing and dance like the King of Pop in videogames crafted by Ubisoft for play on Microsoft Xbox 360 and Sony PlayStation 3 (PS3) consoles.

The French videogame titan on Tuesday will release versions of "Michael Jackson: The Experience" that tap into motion and voice sensing capabilities of popular Kinect and Move accessories for the Xbox 360 and PS3 respectively.

Ubisoft has sold about three million copies of a version of the game released in late November for play on Nintendo Wii consoles. "The Move is a platform dying for an awesome dance game and we already know it works on the Kinect," Ubisoft senior vice president of sales and marketing Tony Key told AFP. "The timing is great.—Internet



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Zimbabwe rhino conservationist wins top award

HARARE, 11 April—The endangered African rhinoceros isn't like a prehistoric dinosaur on the verge of extinction. It is robust in its natural habitat, it is disease resistant and breeds well when protected from poachers, says veteran Zimbabwean conservationist Raoul du Toit.

"If you can keep the poachers away, rhinos can look after themselves extremely well," he said.

Du Toit was named Monday among six recipients of this year's Goldman Environmental Prize, the most prestigious international award for environmental activists, citing them as "fearless emerging leaders working against all odds to protect the environment and their communities."

Du Toit heads a rhino conservation project in southern Zimbabwe that has helped rebuild and maintain the highest population of rhino in the southern African nation.

Years of political and economic turmoil and a breakdown in law and order has seen a surge in poaching not only of rhino but of all species of Zimbabwe's wildlife.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1124)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1124) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.4.2011 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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MV ASIAN NAGA VOY NO (1)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ASIAN NAGA VOY NO (1) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.4.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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MV OCEAN FRIEND VOY NO (35)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OCEAN FRIEND VOY NO (35) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14/15.4.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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MV BUNGA MAS 12 VOY NO (143)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BUNGA MAS 12 VOY NO (143) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.4.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PATTANA M1 VOY NO (121)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PATTANA M1 VOY NO (121) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.4.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-2 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PULAU CEBU VOY NO (36)

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MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (571)

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

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MV BRIGHT RUBY VOY NO (001)

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: BNC LINE CO LTD KOREA**

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Visitors walk near the blooming tulips in Morges, Switzerland, on 9 April, 2011. The annual Tulip Festival in Morges will kick off on 10 April.
XINHUA

Laser pointed at airplane

SYDNEY, 11 April — New South Wales police said they were trying to determine who pointed a laser at a passenger plane as it was landing at Sydney Airport on Saturday.

Police said a green-colored laser was pointed at the aircraft from the Sydney suburb of Canterbury at 7:15 pm. Police in patrol cars searched the area but were unable to track it down. Pointing lasers at an aircraft is illegal and dangerous, Detective Inspector Michael O'Rourke of the Ashfield Local Area Command told the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Internet

Barbie caught in the battle of the dolls

LONDON, 11 April — As a trade dispute between former colleagues, coming to a compromise could have been child's play. But with \$100m (£61m)



at stake, the battle between Barbie and her younger rival, Bratz, has been long and bitter. Six years after it started, the squabbling is finally set to end.

Jurors will assemble in a California courtroom tomorrow to begin deliberations over whether the Bratz designer Carter Bryant developed the con-

Bratz (above) was launched in 2001, and by 2004 outsold Barbie in the UK.— INTERNET

cept for the billion-dollar doll line while under contract as a Barbie designer at Mattel. The copyright infringement and trade secrets trial brings to an end the longest legal battle of its kind, between Mattel and the developer of Bratz, MGA Entertainment. Mattel was awarded damages of \$100m in 2008, but the jury's decision was later overturned.

Internet

Three jets evacuated in SC after bomb threat

CHARLESTON, 11 April — A bomb threat prompted the evacuation of three jetliners in Charleston, SC, an airport spokeswoman said. Charleston's WCSC-TV reported a local law enforcement agency received an unspecified threat against an aircraft at Charleston International Airport on Friday evening, leading airport authorities to remove passengers from three Delta and United Express flights.

About 263 passengers in one concourse were re-screened and their bags were rechecked as a precaution, the TV station said. A trained police dog also was brought in to help in the investigation, which turned up no explosives. The incident delayed the three flights for a couple of hours.— Internet

San Antonio produces Texas-sized enchilada

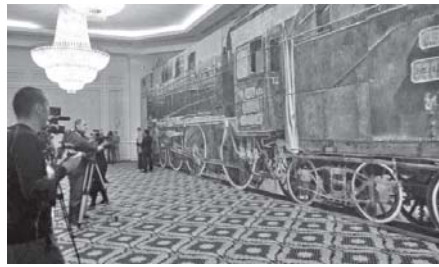
San Antonio laid claim to the world record for longest enchilada after a cadre of volunteers whipped one up that stretched 300 feet this weekend.

A coalition of 20 restaurants marshaled 200 volunteers who gathered in Milam Park Saturday to break the record previously held by Mexico City.

The old record was not specified but organizers in San Antonio said they were not about to let their city play second fiddle.

"The enchilada is one of the most popular, important items at Mexican restaurants in San Antonio," Nick Garza, a retired caterer, told the *San Antonio Express-News*. "I told my friends, 'San Antonio has got to have this record.'"

Garza and friends answered the challenge, the *Express-News* said. They combined 1,900 pounds of cheese and 400 rectangular corn tortillas together and cooked them on a line of pans. By late afternoon, the creation was being cut up and served. "I thought it would just be slapped together and not taste very good," said spectator Grace Howard. "But it is very good: warm, beefy and cheesy."



Reporters stand in front of the life-size canvas painting depicting the biggest steam locomotive in Romania, an 1889 Pacific 230 series, in Bucharest, capital of Romania, on 8 April, 2011. The painting by Romanian artist Alexandru Bunescu measures 20 meters in length and 4.5 metres in height.

Postcard arrives late — minus postage

A Connecticut woman says a postcard managed to reach her from Greece without benefit of postage, zip code or address — 46 years late.

Vasilias "Vas" Mazzotta of Cromwell, Conn, received the Easter greeting from her grandfather in Greece last month.

The postcard was addressed to "Miss Vassoula Sitara," Mazzotta's maiden name, "Hartford Con." It was dated, "Athens 20 April 65."

"I almost didn't believe what I was reading. I must have read it three times to decipher that, wow, this is from my grandfather 46 years ago," Mazzotta, 59, told the *Hartford (Conn) Courant*.

Hawk hurt at Md school to fly in February

Officials at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore say a female hawk that careened into a plate-glass window at a campus library in November will fly again.

The bird that has gained notoriety at the Baltimore school's Homewood Campus still has soft tissue damage, but did not break any bones in the accident.

It is being treated at a

wildlife rehabilitation centre elsewhere in Baltimore County, Kathy Woods, an expert treating the red-tailed hawk, told *The Baltimore Sun*.

Such birds of prey have become a point of pride among students and faculty in recent years, the paper reported.

Kathy Roush, who works at the Milton S Eisenhower Library where the bird injured itself, has

sent money to pay for the six mice per day the hawk eats.

The accident 16 Nov broke a quarter-inch pane of glass, before the bird, which weighs four pounds, plummeted some 25 feet to the ground. Officials expect the bird to be able to fly sometime around February.

News Album



Two villagers on either side of a trunk try to push away each other in a pool filled with cherry tomatoes in Tianyang County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 10 April, 2011. Local people here specially hold such an activity in a cherry-tomato pool with 8-meter-long diameter and height of 30 centimeters to celebrate the tomato harvest.

French director brings swashbuckler to US

LOS ANGELES, 11 April—Award-winning French director Bertrand Tavernier says he became a filmmaker because of his love of American Westerns — as he visited the home of the classic genre to launch his latest movie.

The 69-year-old, whose romantic swashbuckler "The

like 'She wore a Yellow Ribbon' (1949 by John Ford), '3:10 for Yuma' (1957 by Delmer Daves), 'Bend of the River' (1952, by Anthony Mann) or 'Pursued' (1947 by Raoul Walsh).

"Suddenly I felt again what these directors must have felt, when they filmed cavalcades, landscapes," he told *AFP* in Beverly Hills. "It was like going back to my roots, to what I felt when I was 15.

"I saw myself again, a young cinema lover, discovering the fantastic sword fights in 'Scaramouche' by George Sidney (1952)," he added.—*Internet*



French director Bertrand Tavernier. INTERNET

Princess of Montpensier" is released in the US on 15 April, says the golden age of Hollywood cowboy movies filled him with the "physical pleasure" of filmmaking.

"I became a director because of my admiration for westerns

Bob Dylan (2nd R) and his band perform during his first-ever concert in Vietnam at the RMIT International University campus in Ho Chi Minh City.

INTERNET



Candidates of the Binibining Pilipinas 2011 (Miss Philippines) pose in their night gowns during the coronation night awarding ceremony in Quezon City, Philippines, on 11 April, 2011.

XINHUA

'Hop' keeps top spot as Brand pulls double duty

LOS ANGELES, 11 April—British bad boy Russell Brand dominated the North American box office, with a starring turn in the top-earning "Hop," as well as in the remake of the 1980's classic "Arthur," the number two weekend film, industry estimates showed Sunday.

"Hop," a partially animated Easter-themed romp, remained atop the box office for a second consecutive week, with a weekend gross of \$21.7 million, bringing its two-week total to \$68 million. Brand voices the character "EB" in the film, the wayward son of the Easter Bunny. In "Arthur," which debuted in second place with \$12.6 million, he plays the lovable but irresponsible billionaire Arthur Bach in a role originated by Dudley Moore in the 1981 hit.—*Internet*

Bob Dylan makes debut in Vietnam

HO CHI MINH CITY, 11 April—Legendary American musician Bob Dylan, whose songs became anthems of the anti-Vietnam war movement, played a symbolic first-ever concert in the communist

country on Sunday. A hero for the West's ageing "counter-culture" generation, Dylan and his protest songs are less well-known among the young population of the nation, who have no memory of the years of war with the

United States.

But that didn't stop a number of young Vietnamese, as well as foreigners, from turning out for the gig in Ho Chi Minh City and cheering for Dylan, who made no comment on Vietnam or the significance of his appearance there. "We all really enjoyed it," said a 29-year-old banker, who gave his name as Quan, as he and his friends left the concert in the former Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most westernised city.—*Internet*



Actor Russell Brand arrives at the premiere of Universal Pictures and Illumination Entertainment's "Hop" at CityWalk in Universal City, California, in March 2011.

INTERNET

City deserve top four spot says Mancini

LIVERPOOL, 11 April—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini insists his side have proved they deserve a Champions League place as they prepare to face Liverpool at Anfield on Monday.

Mancini's men have seven games remaining as they look to hold on to a top-four spot in the Premier League table.

Big spending City have failed to launch a challenge for the Premier League title and were also frustrated to be knocked out of the last 16



Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini

Schwartzel wins the Masters after a wild day

AUGUSTA, 11 April—The finishing touch of a most amazing Masters was Charl Schwartzel slipping into a green jacket. Until that moment late Sunday afternoon, everything else at Augusta National was up for grabs. The roars came from everywhere, for everyone, and never stopped. Tiger Woods made up a seven-shot deficit in nine holes — too bad it was the front nine. Geoff Ogilvy ran off five straight birdies.

Rory McIlroy matched the greatest collapse in Masters history with a stretch of holes not even Greg Norman would want to watch. It was so wild that eight players had at least a share of the lead on the back nine.—Internet

of the Europa League by Dynamo Kiev.

City supporters are desperate to end their long wait for a trophy, which stretches back to their League Cup win in 1976.

But former Inter manager Mancini, who has faced constant speculation about his future, feels that taking their place in the Champions League for the first time will be key to developing the club.

This year our target at the start of the season was to finish in the top four and be in the Champions League," he said.

Internet

Valencia trounce Villarreal to move clear in third



Valencia's forward Roberto Soldado (L)

MADRID, 11 April—Valencia staked their claim for third place in La Liga with a stylish 5-0 win in Sunday's head-to-head clash with local rivals Villarreal. Neither side tried to play down the importance of the match with both teams comfortably clear of the chasing pack, with the victory pushing Valencia six

points ahead of Villarreal.

Valencia had more time to prepare as Villarreal were in European action on Thursday night and it showed as they were far livelier and put plenty of pressure on the Villarreal players. If the visitors were in good spirits after their 5-1 win over Twente then they were brought back down to earth quickly as Roberto Soldado gave Valencia an early lead. Although they had further chances it was not until the second half that the floodgates opened against a tired looking Villarreal.—Internet

Madrid red card was a real low for Crouch

LONDON, 11 April—Tottenham striker Peter Crouch admits his crazy red card against Real Madrid was the lowest moment of his career. Crouch was sent off in the 15th minute of Tottenham's Champions League quar-



Tottenham striker Peter Crouch

ter-final first leg clash at the Bernabeu for two reckless and unnecessary challenges. The England international's dismissal played a major role in Tottenham's eventual 4-0 defeat, which leaves them with virtually no chance in the return leg at White Hart Lane on Wednesday.

And former Liverpool and Portsmouth star Crouch conceded he had never felt worse during his 13-year career than following his red card in the Spanish capital.

Internet

SPORTS

Lyon on the move as Ligue 1 leaders flounder

PARIS, 11 April—Former champions Lyon kept their French league title bid alive Sunday with a 3-0 win at home to struggling Lens as the leading trio Lille, Marseille and Rennes all floundered. A first half strike from South Korean forward Park Chu Young ensured Lille suffered just their fourth defeat of the season on Saturday as Monaco won 1-0 to move out of the drop zone.

Champions Marseille threw away the chance to pile the pressure on the leaders as they were held 2-2 by Toulouse Sunday as Lyon's win sees them move into third at the expense of Rennes who lost 2-0 at midtable Brest. Lille have 58 points from 30 games with Marseille three points behind, while Lyon are now third on 53 and Rennes fourth with 51.—Internet



Lyon's French forward Jimmy Briand (L) reacts with his teammate Croatian defender Dojan Lovren (2nd L) after scoring during their French LI football match Lyon vs Lens at the Gerland stadium in Lyon, south eastern France.

INTERNET

Leverkusen down St Pauli to trim Dortmund's Bundesliga lead

BERLIN, 11 April—Bayer Leverkusen cut Borussia Dortmund's lead at the top of the Bundesliga to just five points on Sunday as they came from behind to seal a 2-1 win at home against relegation-threatened St Pauli.

After Dortmund were held to a 1-1 draw at Hamburg on Saturday, second-placed Leverkusen chipped away at Borussia's lead and fought back as Germany

striker Stefan Kiessling equalised before Lars Bender scored the winner. The hosts had to dig deep after St Pauli's Charles Takyi gave the guests a shock lead just after the break.

Internet



Leverkusen's midfielder Hanno Balitsch (L) and St Pauli's midfielder Matthias Lehmann vie for the ball during the German first division Bundesliga football match in the western German city of Leverkusen.

INTERNET

Australia's Baden Cooke, pictured (L)

One-foot cycle ride ends Baden Cooke's Roubaix bid

ROUBAIX, 11 April—Australia's Baden Cooke was left disappointed but buoyed by his future hopes after an incident-packed ride on the gruelling Paris-Roubaix classic. Cooke, a former winner of the Tour de France green jersey for the race's points competition, went into the 258 km cobbled classic with the "best legs" of his life

and as Saxo Bank's best bet for a podium place.

However it was racing with just one leg for a few kilometres that probably cost the 32-year-old from Benalla a chance at challenging for a coveted podium place. Although Cooke failed to follow race winner Johan Van Summeren when the lanky Belgian went solo with around 15km to go, he had a valid explanation — crashing

twice and breaking his shoe at the Carrefour de l'Arbre.—Internet



Charl Schwartzel of South Africa

Wild card Sweeting sinks Nishikori for clay title

HOUSTON, 11 April—American wild card Ryan Sweeting captured his first



American wild card Ryan Sweeting

ATP Tour title—in his first final — by beating Kei Nishikori 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) at the US Clay Court Championships. "I think I'm most happy the way I performed under pressure in my first final," Sweeting said. "I stayed calm and stayed focused. I didn't let the moment get to me which in past perform-

ances I have." Sweeting is the first wild card winner in this tournament since fellow American Mardy Fish did it five years ago.

He is also the fifth first-time winner on the tour this season. "I feel in the past I'd see the finish line and I'd start thinking about that," Sweeting said.

Internet



AC Milan's Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic

AC Milan's Ibrahimovic apologises for red card

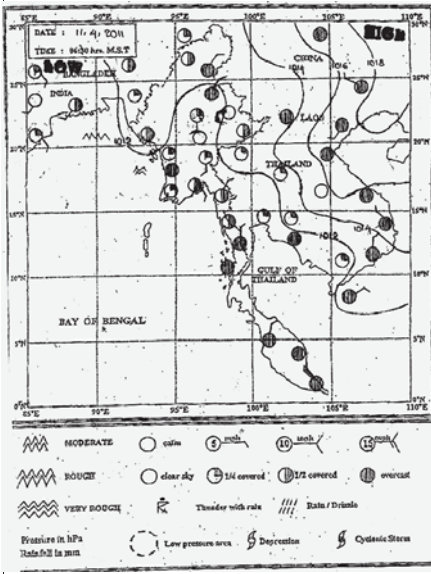
ROME, 11 April—AC Milan's Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic has apologised after getting sent off for a foul-mouthed tirade at a linesman during his side's 2-1 win at Fiorentina.

Ibrahimovic had only just returned from a two-game ban for striking Bari's Marco Rossi in the ribs.

The 29-year-old was already facing a one-match ban having picked up a yellow card during the game, meaning he had earned a suspension for an accumulation of cards over the season.

But late on he aimed a rant lined with expletives at a linesman after a throw-in decision went against him. He was duly dismissed by the referee and walked off without protest.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 11th 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 Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Shan and Kayin States, isolated in Mandalay and Ayeeyawady Regions, Kachin and Chin States 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 Magway and Ayeeyawady Regions, Southern Shan State, (7°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin State and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (44°C) and Mandalay, Myingyan, Minbu, Magway and Theinzayat (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Haka and Myeik (0.55) inch each, Taunggyi and Hpa-an (0.43) inch each, Dawei (0.36) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 10-4-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 11-4-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-4-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 11-4-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw(Airport)

Maximum temperature on 10-4-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 11-4-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-4-2011 was (59%).

Rainfall on 11-4-2011 was Nil.

Rainfall on 11-4-2011 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 (8) mph from Southeast at (09:30) hours MST on 11-4-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 12th April 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States and isolated 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: likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-4-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Schwartzel win shuts out Americans in majors

AUGUSTA, 12 April — Good news travels much faster than when Gary Player first won the Masters. It was only fitting that on the 50th anniversary of Player becoming the first non-American player in a green jacket, he watched another South African, Charl Schwartzel, become the first champion at Augusta National to finish with four straight birdies.

Player wasted no time sending his congratulations—on Twitter, of course, in a sign of the times. In the hours after Schwartzel won against a leaderboard that featured players from every continent on which golf is played, the 26-year-old champion sent Player a reply. "Proud to follow your tradition!"

Player was an anomaly at the time he won, the first global player in a game that is more



Charl Schwartzel of South Africa shows off his green jacket after winning the Masters golf tournament on 10 April, 2011, in Augusta, Ga.—INTERNET

international than ever before. Schwartzel's victory Sunday at the Masters was only the latest example of worldwide parity in golf. For the first time since 1994 and only the second since the Masters began in 1934 non-American players hold the four major championships.

Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland won the US Open last summer at Pebble Beach, followed by Louis Oosthuizen of South Africa at the British Open and Martin Kaymer of Germany at the PGA Championship.—*Internet*

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (12-4-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(12-4-11 09:30 am ~ 13-4-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * New Democratic Nation in New Era
- * Green Ngwehsaung Beach Music Festival and Fashion Show (Day-2)
- * News
- * Thingyan Songs and Dances
- * News
- * Sitagu International Buddhist Academy (SIBA) (Part-I)
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Myanmar New Year Exhibition 2011"

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Mon Traditional Thingyan Rice
- * Green Ngwehsaung Beach Music Festival and Fashion Show (Day-2)
- * News
- * Thingyan Songs and Dances
- * News
- * Sitagu International Buddhist Academy (SIBA) (Part-I)
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Myanmar New Year Exhibition 2011"
- * News
- * Myanmar's DHF Prevention Activities Towards A Healthy Society
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Taking an Oath for Life
- * Daw Sein Poe D and Her Journey of Arts
- * News
- * Living Myanmar Glazed Ceramics
- * Myanmar Movie "Due to this True Hatred"



Tuesday, 12 April

View on today

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| <p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>3. To Be Healthy Exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>4. Morning News</p> | <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Dhamma Puja Song</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>5. Nice & Sweet Song</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>6. Dance Of National Races</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>7. Songs Of Yester Years</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>8. Dance of Thingyan Festival</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>9. Telepay (Health)</p> <p>8:40 am</p> <p>10. International News</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>11. Dance of Thingyan Festival</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial Song</p> |
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| <p>4:10 pm</p> <p>2. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies</p> <p>4:20 pm</p> <p>3. One Village and One Product</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>4. Dance Of Thingyan Festival</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Zoology)</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit</p> <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>7. Dance Of Thingyan Festival</p> | <p>5:25 pm</p> <p>8. Documentary</p> <p>5:40 pm</p> <p>9. Dance Of Thingyan Festival</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>10. Evening News</p> <p>6:15 pm</p> <p>11. Weather Report</p> <p>6:20 pm</p> <p>12. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>13. Sing A Song</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>14. TV Drama Series</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>15. News</p> <p>16. International News</p> <p>17. Weather Report</p> <p>18. Just For Laughs</p> <p>19. TV Drama Series</p> |
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- ★ 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

Hsin-ekari paddy strains become popular in Mohnyin Township

Byline & photos: Reporter Myo Aung (Mohnyin)

Now, all possible ways and means are being applied in all regions and states to boost production of crops especially rice, the staple food in Myanmar.

The Paddy Seed Division of the Agricultural Research Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Yezin is producing paddy seeds of hybrid strains in the 24 agricultural research farms in Regions and States it has established with a view to increasing per acre yield of paddy. One of them is the Agricultural Research Farm in Ingyingon Village-tract, Mohnyin

Township, Mohnyin District, Kachin State.

The farm aims to produce high-yield paddy strains for the state, to carry out research on agricultural methods and basic cropping patterns, and to provide high-yield paddy strains and technical assistance. Under the paddy reproduction programme, the farm has been producing Hsin-ekari-3 paddy strains in cooperation with the Paddy Seed Division of the Agricultural Research Department in Yezin since 2005-2006.

(See page 9)



Quality seeds of Hsin-ekari-3 paddy in Mohnyin Township.

Gangaw Tsp enjoys better communication service

GANGAW, 10 April—Gangaw Township has 720 auto digital cord phones along with over 800 manual phones in nine villages. From early 2011 onwards, the Myanma Posts and Telecommunications has issued 500 500,000-kyat CDMA 450 MHz mobile phones in Gangaw, 500 in Kan Village and 300 in Kyaw Village. Up to 9 March, 797 units had been set up. Local people are therefore enjoying better communication services.—MNA



Samsung has scheduled to launch the sale of Samsung Galaxy S II on 1 May, 2011. It has a 4.3-inch display, with 800×480 pixels and a dual-core 1GHz processor, plus Samsung's TouchWiz UI (V4) and camera interface.

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