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Without national unity, country with over 100 national races cannot enjoy peace and stability

It is important that administrative machinery of Union Government to reach out to whole nation, including far-flung border areas

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April – Meeting (1/2011) of the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races took place at the President Office here at 9.30 am today, with an address by

Thein Sein delivered an opening speech. He said that the meeting was held for the first time in the time of the present government. Peace and stability is essential in building a developed nation.

Main National Causes: non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty was laid down as a national policy in the time of the Tatmadaw

momentum.

Now, the present government has been entrusted with the duty to continue carrying out the tasks for further progress of national races in the border areas.

To perform this duty, a border affairs ministry has already been formed at the Union Level and ministries of security and border affairs at state and region levels in accord with the constitution. So for ensuring effective cooperation and coordination between the Union level and state/region level, the central committee for progress of border areas and national races will be reconstituted to be able to take effective measures.

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President U Thein Sein addressing Meeting (1/2011) of the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races.—MNA

Chairman of the Central Committee President U Thein Sein.

It was attended by Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, members of the Central Committee the Commander-in-Chief and the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Union ministers, chief ministers of regions and states, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

First, President U

Without national unity, the country, where over 100 national races have been living together, cannot enjoy peace and stability. The successive governments therefore have prioritized the forging of national unity.

In the post-independence period, disunity among the national people sparked internal insurgencies in the border areas. Consequently, the nation was unable to strive for national development and its border areas lagged behind others in progress. That was why Our Three

government. As the Union could break into pieces and national sovereignty could be lost if national unity broke up, the policy was laid down to carry out development tasks in the border areas where the majority of national races reside.

In May of 1989 the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and the Work Committee and a new ministry were formed. As a result, the tasks for progress of national races in border areas have gathered

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

Vice-Chairman of Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo participates in discussion.—MNA



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PERSPECTIVES

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Rural prosperity through libraries

The government has built sound infrastructures to ensure equitable progress of all parts of the country in an effort for building up a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The fact that every citizen is literate is fundamental in striving for the economic growth of a nation and improvement of the people's living standards. So literacy campaigns are being launched across the country, including border and rural areas.

Self-reliant rural libraries are being established for widening the knowledge of rural people, and measures taken for the durability of those libraries.

Extended opening of libraries have contributed a lot to broadening the horizon of the rural people. The rural libraries will help improve the knowledge of the rural people, who make up 70 percent of the country's population.

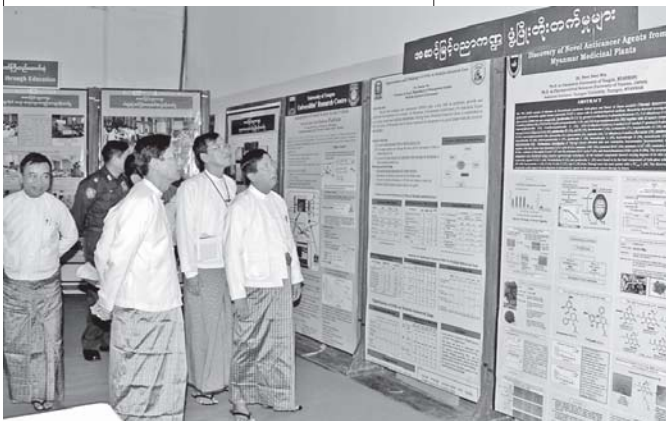
Library study can contribute to the realization of the State's political, economic and social objectives. And for the people, libraries are a sort of window on the world to learn current developments.

Now, the rural library foundation has been set up for maintenance of the libraries and development of human resources. With the advent of the foundation, the rural people will be able to cultivate the reading habit thereby improving their knowledge.

By opening more and more rural libraries for the sake of nation's future, the rural people will be able to increase their literary knowledge, and have innovative ideas.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye views booths displayed at Seminar on National Education Promotion for the Year 2011.

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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

Pyawbwe-Pyinmana-Yeni-Taungphila gas pipeline to supply more natural gas for domestic use

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy is constructing 97 miles long 12-inch diameter Pyawbwe-Pyinmana-Yeni-Taungphila natural gas pipeline, contributing to the industrial sector of the nation.

The MOGE has so far completed nearly 63 miles long pipeline from Pyawbwe to Pyinmana and is constructing the Pyinmana-Yeni-Taungphila section.

The natural gas pipeline, upon completion, will be linked with Myanmar-China natural gas pipeline due to be completed in 2013 through Magway-Pyawbwe-Pinpet natural gas pipeline so as to distribute natural gas to factories and workshops



Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay inspects construction of Pyawbwe-Pyinmana-Yeni-Taungphila natural gas pipeline.—MNA

in Yamethin, Pyawbwe, Pyinmana, Lewe and Yedashe townships.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay visited the worksite near Theikseikbin

Village and Kinmontan Village in Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw District yesterday.

The minister gave instructions on safety and security measures. At engine oil storage and

distribution section in Pyinmana, the minister called for distribution of all kinds of engine oil and regular supply of engine oil and encouraged the staff.

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Scholarship programmes underway for outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye said that plans are getting underway to grant scholarships to outstanding students at basic education middle and high school levels at

the Seminar on National Education Promotion for the Year 2011 at the Golden Jubilee Hall of the University of Veterinary Science here this morning.

About eight million students are pursuing education under over 270,000 teachers at 41,000 basic education schools. School enrolment tasks are being carried out township-wise for ensuring all school-age children learn education, he said, adding that various measures are being taken for increasing the rates of students continuing to study after completed primary education level.

He said that in order to accomplish ongoing

long-term education plans, education staff, rectors, principals and teachers will play the leading role in enabling every citizen to complete basic education and in sharpening the skills of students. He stressed the importance of mobilizing participation of local authorities, civil service and local people to improve learning environment.

Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe gave an account of functions of the higher education sector. The director-general of the Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) reported on progress of the 30-year National Education

Promotion Plan and implementation of resolutions passed at the previous seminar. Resource persons read out their papers.

At the seminar held at the Yezin University of Agriculture, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu, the chairman of the Myanmar Arts and Science Academy and the director-general of the Education Planning and Training Department made clarification to academic matters, followed by a paper-reading session.

The Seminar on National Education Promotion for the Year 2011 continues till 25 April.

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Storm damage is seen next to a parking garage outside terminal one at St Louis International Airport on 22 April, 2011, in St Louis. INTERNET

Tornado causes injuries at St Louis airport

ST LOUIS, 23 April—An apparent tornado tore through a section of the Lambert-St Louis International Airport on Friday, lifting the roof off a concourse, injuring several people and forcing the airport's closure.

Planes were diverted to other locations as emergency crews probed the debris for more wounded. Mayor Francis Slay said Lambert would be shut down "indefinitely."

The storm lifted the roof off Concourse C and sent plate glass flying every-where. Four people

were taken to the hospital with minor injuries after glass shattered as the storm hit, airport spokesman Jeff Lea said. An unspecified number of others were treated at the scene for cuts blamed on flying glass.

"We have all hands on deck here," Slay said, noting that responders have included a cadre of workers from the city and county. "This is something we're putting a lot of attention to."

Passengers from at least two planes were stranded briefly on the Lambert tarmac because

of debris but were later taken away by buses. An Air National Guard facility at the airport was reportedly damaged.

The airport's main terminal sustained the most damage. Airport director Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge said roughly half of that structure's windows were blown out, sending glass and rain into that building. Elsewhere on the property, trees were toppled and power lines downed, further limiting access to the airport even hours after the storm left its destruction.—*Internet*

Powerful earthquake strikes off Solomon Islands

WELLINGTON, 23 April—A powerful earthquake struck in waters off the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific on Saturday, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage, and no tsunami was expected.

The magnitude-6.9 quake struck about 100 miles (160 kilometers) southeast of the Solomon Islands' capital, Honiara, at a depth of 50 miles (80 kilometers), the US Geological Survey said.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said a tsunami was not expected.

"We haven't had any information

about damage or anything of that kind," National Disaster Management Office director Lote Yates told *The Associated Press* from Honiara.

The quake was felt widely in the capital and "was quite scary," Yates said. "It went on for a minute or two. It was not a one-off jolt — this one went on and on. It seemed forever."

The Solomon Islands is a country of nearly 1,000 islands that lie on the "Ring of Fire" — an arc of earthquake and volcanic zones that stretches around the Pacific Rim.

Internet

Two Afghan police die, NATO chopper crashes in east

KABUL, 23 April—Militants ambushed an Afghan police vehicle, killing two on Saturday and a coalition helicopter crashed in eastern Afghanistan with no fatalities, NATO and Afghan officials said.

The Afghan Ministry of Interior said militants attacked the policemen in Dara Nur District in the

northern tip of Nangarhar Province. Two others were wounded in the attack, the ministry said.

Fighting has escalated in eastern Afghanistan as Afghan and coalition forces step up their attacks on insurgents along the Pakistan border and militants retaliate with attacks on pro-government forces and Afghan

officials.

A suicide attacker on foot detonated his vest packed with explosives Friday afternoon at the entrance to a building used by education officials in Jayi Maydan District of Khost Province, said Abdul Hakim Ishaqzai, police chief in the eastern province. —*Internet*

In this 23 April, 2010 file photo, taken in the Gulf of Mexico more than 50 miles southeast of Venice on Louisiana's tip, a boat with an oil boom tries to contain oil spilled from the explosion and collapse of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, approximately seven miles from where the rig sunk.

INTERNET



Gulf disaster renews debate over Arctic oil spill

WASHINGTON, 23 April—A year after the largest offshore oil spill in US history, some experts are pondering the next doomsday scenario — a massive oil well blowout in the icy waters off Alaska's northern coast.

Like the deepest waters of the Gulf, the shallow but frigid seas off Alaska are a new frontier for oil and gas exploration.

The reserves are large but come with risks.

With no roads connecting remote coastal towns, storms and fog that can ground aircraft, no deep-water ports for ships and the nearest Coast Guard station about 1,000 miles away — it would be nearly impossible to respond on the scale that was needed last year to stop a runaway oil well and clean up the mess. That means the burden to respond would rest to an even greater degree on the

company doing the drilling.

Like a backcountry camper, an oil company drilling off Alaska would have to bring all the equipment needed to the isolated drilling site.

And the federal government, at least in the early stages, would be far away from the scene.

Unlike the Gulf, where tens of thousands of oil wells and runoff have tainted the waters for decades, a spill in the Arctic risks tainting a pristine and sensitive landscape, one that has not been as well studied and where drilling in federal waters is limited.

That makes it harder to determine what toll a spill would have on the endangered polar bears, migrating whales and other wildlife that make use of the oil-rich seas.

Internet



Afghan military staff clear the road after militants attacked a convoy of fuel tankers Thursday night in Dushi District of Baghlan Province on 23 April, 2011. The governor's office said two tankers, carrying fuel for international forces, were burned and seven others were damaged.—INTERNET

Six kids from same family drown in Brazil

SAO PAULO, 23 April—A boat carrying a family on a Brazilian lake has capsized and six children are dead. Police say at least seven other people in the boat survived, including two children.

Police say four boys and two girls drowned in Friday's accident near the town of Lago Verde in northeastern Brazil.

They ranged in age from 2 to 12.

Authorities say the family was travelling to a nearby town when the small boat capsized in the middle of the lake.

The weather was good at the time, but days of heavy rains have created rough waters in the area's lakes and rivers.

Internet



A relative, left, comforts a wounded child lying beside a wounded woman at the hospital in Ghazni, west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 21 April, 2011. Two Afghan men were killed and four other people — three women and a child — were wounded Thursday when their van struck a roadside mine in Dih Yak District of Ghazni Province, said Sher Khan Yousefzai, the top local official in neighbouring Andar District.—INTERNET

Death toll rises to 33 in Bangladesh ferry sinking

DHAKA, 23 April—Searchers found more bodies Friday after a ferry sank on a river in Bangladesh, raising the death toll to 33, an official said. Local government administrator Helal Uddin said the boat was salvaged and five bodies

were recovered after the search resumed Friday. The ferry carrying about 100 passengers sank Thursday in the River Meghna in Brahmanbaria, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of the capital, Dhaka. It apparently capsized after hitting the

wreckage of a sunken boat. The bodies of 28 people were found before the search stopped overnight. Many survivors swam ashore after the accident, and the number of missing was uncertain.—Internet



Bangladeshi villagers watch as relatives mourn, ground, after a ferry carrying about 100 passengers capsized in River Meghna in Brahmanbaria District about 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 21 April, 2011.—INTERNET

Hong Kong's daily flights hit new high

HONG KONG, 23 April—A total of 1,003 flight movements were handled at the Hong Kong International Airport on Friday, recording the first one-thousand-plus movements in a single day, also setting a new daily record, said the city's Civil Aviation Department (CAD) on Saturday. The new figure, breaking the previous single-day record of 983 flight movements set on 31 March, exceeded the daily average of 891 movements by 12.57 percent.

On the same day, 521 flight movements operated through the Hong Kong Flight Information Region, making up a total of 1,524 flights handled by the CAD, which showed a strong growth in air traffic operation, said the CAD. Boosted by robust economy in the region, flight movements were on an increasing trend, with 80,242 aircraft movements recorded in the first quarter this year, up 14 percent from 2010, said the department.

"The Civil Aviation Department is encouraged by this new movement record, and our staff are committed to providing a safe and efficient service to the traveling public," a spokesman of the department said.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 9 April, 2011 shows Peking opera actress Tan Na coaches opera lovers in Tsinghua University in Beijing, capital city of China.—INTERNET

Photo taken on 21 April, 2011 shows a fashion show on an illuminating ship during the opening ceremony of the 14th Suzhou International Tourism Festival in Luzhi Township in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province. The festival kicked off here on Thursday with illuminating ships cruising over the ancient canal.—INTERNET



Ruptured Mexican sewage canal fixed, flood risk remains

MEXICO CITY, 23 April—A sewage canal in Mexico City that had been ruptured by heavy rains last weekend was patched up Friday, but the risk for future floods still remains. Heavy rains on 16 April ruptured the canal on the southeastern outskirts of the capital, flooding a nearby neighbourhood with sewage water.

The flood, the third over the past 11 years, forced some 500 residents in Valle de Chalco Solidaridad in the capital's eastern suburbs to leave their homes. Water experts said the area is vulnerable to floods as it was built on a former lakebed with soft soil. Moreover, in recent years, the area has sunk below the level of the canal, causing a greater flood risk.—Xinhua

BP pledges \$1 billion to restore oil-stained Gulf

WASHINGTON, 23 April—BP has pledged \$1 billion to jump-start projects aimed at restoring the US Gulf Coast after last year's massive oil spill, officials said Thursday.

"The agreement in no way affects the ultimate liability of BP or any other entity for natural resource damages or other liabilities, but provides an opportunity to help restoration get started sooner," the US Justice Department said in a statement.

The Justice Department called it a "first step" towards fulfilling BP's obligations to fund the "complete restoration of injured public resources."

A formal damage assessment is expected to take years to complete and will likely be subject to legal wrangling as BP seeks to spread the liability among its well ownership partners and subcontractors.

Earlier, the British energy giant announced a \$40-billion lawsuit against rig operator Transocean, which then unveiled a countersuit.

The restoration agreement came a day after the first anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, which unleashed the biggest maritime oil spill in history.

The money will be used to rebuild damaged coastal marshes, replenish soiled beaches, conserve ocean habitat to help injured wildlife recover and restore barrier islands and wetlands that provide natural protection from storms.

Internet

Philippine landslide toll revised down, rescue resumes

MANILA, 23 April—Rescuers resumed a search on Saturday for survivors of a landslide that swept through a shanty town in a mining area on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao, as the mayor revised down the death toll sharply.

In a 7 am (7 pm EST) situation report, the national disaster agency said three people were dead, 10 injured and 22 were missing after the landslide, which hit part of Kingking village in the early hours of Friday.

Pantukan Mayor Celso Sarenas said on Friday 27 bodies had been found after the landslide, but later told reporters by text message that he had been misinformed by health workers.

"So far 22 are reported missing but there could be more because there are some transients who arrived but did not register," he said.

Shanty towns have mushroomed around Kingking after a gold rush in the area nearly 20 years ago. Many of the mining operations are illegal and unregulated, and there are frequent accidents.—Reuters



An aerial view of a shanty town buried by a landslide in a mining area in Kingking village of Pantukan town in Compostela province, southern Philippines on 22 April, 2011. INTERNET

Philippine Naval fleet ready for evacuation assistance at Taal Volcano

MANILA, 23 April—As the seismic activity at the Volcano Taal has been keeping active, the Philippine Navy ordered a nearby fleet to stand by, in case Taal Volcano erupts anytime, according to the military sources on Saturday.

About a company size of troops from the Philippine Fleet are on

standby throughout the holy week to provide evacuation and rescue assistance to more than 1,000 caretakers who are reportedly left behind in the danger zone, Jose Luis Alano, Commander of the Philippine Fleet, said in a press release on Saturday.

The Philippine Fleet is the nearest Naval facility that can respond

immediately in case Taal Volcano erupts. Aside from the troops, the Fleet Support Force is prepared to deploy rubber boats, trucks, life vests, a team of divers, and an ambulance with a medical team. Taal Volcano, an island situated in the middle of Taal lake in Batangas province of north Philippines, has

more than 5,000 residents, most of whom were already evacuated to safer grounds.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHILVOLCS) recorded 19 earthquakes in the past 24 hours, one of those event which occurred at 4:31 am Saturday was felt at Intensity III.—Xinhua

Health



Rick Redmon, a spokesman for the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, in Louisville, Ky, shows a pink coloured bat to Matthew Vonderheide, and others in a touring group, on 21 April, 2011.
INTERNET

Scientists discover how peppermint soothes gastric pain

ADELAIDE, 23 April—New research offers insight into how peppermint helps relieve the symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome. Researchers from the University of Adelaide in Australia report that peppermint activates an “anti-pain” channel in the colon.

This contributes to relief of pain from inflammation in the gastrointestinal tract. “Our research shows that peppermint acts through a specific anti-pain channel called TRPM8 to reduce pain-sensing fibers, particularly those activated by mustard and

chilli,” Dr Stuart Brierley said in a university news release.

“This is potentially the first step in determining a new type of mainstream clinical treatment for irritable bowel syndrome.

This is a debilitating condition and affects many people on a daily basis, particularly women who are twice as likely to experience irritable bowel syndrome,” Brierley added.—*Internet*

Latte art is displayed during the finals of the German Barista Championships in Hamburg 17 April, 2011.
INTERNET



Health Tip: Exercise can ease rheumatoid arthritis pain

Exercise is a great remedy for joint pain and stiffness caused by rheumatoid arthritis.

The University of Maryland Medical Centre lists these guidelines for exercising with rheumatoid arthritis:

- * Begin with easy exercises, such as gentle stretching and tensing muscles without adding movement.
- * Try light strength training exercises when your body feels ready.
- * Add low-impact aerobic exercises to your routine, such as dancing, walking and swimming.
- * Try tai chi, as it can promote relaxation and improve joint flexibility.
- * Don't do any exercises that cause pain.

Internet

No evidence coffee ups risk of high blood pressure

NEW YORK, 23 April—Despite earlier concerns, downing lots of coffee doesn't seem to increase the risk of high blood pressure, according to a new report — but the evidence isn't conclusive.

High blood pressure has been linked to heart disease, stroke, and a shorter life expectancy, and some scientists have suggested that coffee might fuel the problem.

The new report pools data from six previous studies that included

more than 170,000 people in total.

For each study, scientists surveyed the participants to find out how many cups of coffee they drank each day — from less than one to more than five — and then followed them for up to 33 years. Just more than one in five participants eventually developed high blood pressure, according to the findings, which appear in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

But the chance of being diagnosed with the condition was no different between people who said they chugged more than five cups of coffee per day and those who drank very little.

Reuters



Business



Job-seekers read vacancy informations in a recruitment fair held at Guangming Square in Yinchuan, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, 23 April, 2011. Over 175 enterprises provide 5,000 jobs in the fair.—INTERNET

Twitter signs deal to stay in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 April—Twitter will keep its nest in San Francisco.

Twitter's chief financial officer, Ali Rowghani, announced in a tweet Friday that the company had signed a lease on a new headquarters in the city's Mid-Market neighbourhood.

The deal comes after the city's Board of Supervisors gave final approval to a tax break that will exempt the company from paying city payroll taxes on new hires. The rapidly growing social media service is expected to add more than 2,000 new employees over the next few years.

City leaders pitched the tax break as a way to bring economic revitalization to the struggling neighborhood near City Hall.—*Internet*

GM likely to retake No 1 sales spot from Toyota

DETROIT, 23 April—General Motors is almost certain to claim the title of world's biggest automaker this year, retaking the top spot from Toyota, which has been hurt by production problems since the Japanese earthquake and still can't escape the shadow of major safety recalls.

The No 1 title, a morale booster for the winner's employees and managers, would cap GM's remarkable comeback from bankruptcy.

GM's sales are up, mainly in China and the US, the world's top two markets. Its cars are better than in the past, especially small ones.

But even though GM came within 30,000 sales of Toyota last year and began strong in 2011, any sales victory this year has more to do with Toyota's problems.

First, a series of big recalls has ballooned to 14 million vehicles worldwide and damaged Toyota's reputation for reliability. That has spurred loyal buyers to look at other brands.—*Internet*



This May 31, 2009 file photo shows a row of unsold 2009 Buick Lacrosse sedans at a General Motors.—INTERNET

US dollar frail, Tokyo stocks slip, gold shines

SINGAPORE, 23 April—The dollar hovered around three-year lows on Friday and looked set to come under further pressure next week, while a stronger yen weighed on Tokyo stocks in holiday-thinned Good Friday trade.

Gold hit a fresh all-time high of \$1,509 an ounce, extending its record-breaking rally to a sixth session, as the weaker dollar prodded investors toward assets less reliant on the US economy.

The dollar index (.DXY) was steady at 73.99 against a basket of major currencies after slipping to its lowest since mid-2008 on Thursday, weighed down by expectations that the Federal Reserve will keep interest rates at record lows for some time to come and by bitter divisions in Washington over how to slash the gaping budget deficit.

Analysts said it could extend recent losses next week, with all eyes now on its

record low of 70.698 struck in March 2008.

“The biggest reason behind the fall is waning investor confidence in US assets. The market is waking up to the fact that fiscal problems are not limited to euro periphery countries,” said Daisuke Uno, chief strategist at Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp in Japan. ID:nL23389078]

Trade was expected to remain thin into early next week with most markets around the world closed from Friday through Easter Monday.

Japan's Nikkei-225 share average (.N225) ended down 0.04 percent but pared initial losses after news that Renesas Electronics <6723.T.>, a major chip supplier to the auto industry, would resume operations at an earthquake-hit factory earlier than expected

Internet

Mexico files charges against three for starting fires

MEXICO CITY, 23 April—Mexican prosecutors on Friday filed charges against three individuals for starting wild fires in the southeastern state of Quintana Roo that have affected 5,500 hectares and threatened natural protected areas.

Hernando Guerrero Cazares, director of the Federal Environmental Protection Prosecutor's Office, told reporters on Friday that the fires were caused by individuals involved in illegal

logging and hunting. The fires have burned in three Quintana Roo municipalities, including Benito Juarez, which contains Cancun. One of the fires spread to the Sian Ka'an, a biosphere reserve on the list of UNESCO World Heritage site.

The National Forest Commission said Friday that 50 percent of the fire in Sian Ka'an had been contained.

During a Thursday trip to the region, Environment and

Natural Resources Minister Rafael Quesada said conditions were unfavourable for gaining control of the fires in Quintana Roo due to high temperatures and a lack of rain in the coming week.—Internet



The sun rises above the financial district of the City of London on 23 April, 2011. Britain's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has issued a smog alert for England and Wales over the Easter weekend, due to high levels of ozone and particulates brought on by summer-like weather conditions.—INTERNET

Man dies after stun gun used in Florida

ORLANDO, 23 April—A Florida man who was acting irrational and disorderly at a theme park Friday died after off-duty police officers working security used a stun gun on him.

The officers attempted to arrest Adam Spencer Johnson, 33, of Winter Haven, just after midnight at Universal CityWalk, an entertainment area next to the Universal Studios theme park, the Orlando Sentinel reported. Sgt Barbara Jones, a spokes-woman for the Orlando Police Department, described him as disorderly and "grabbing at his beard, grabbing his head." Jones said Johnson "tussled" with the officers. One officer gave him a jolt from a stun gun and he was handcuffed.

When the officers saw

his condition, they called for paramedics, Jones said.

The Police Department said all of the officers involved have been placed on administrative leave.

The US Justice Department, in a 2008 report, warned against using stun guns on people who have been using drugs or are agitated. The devices deliver an electric jolt designed to be temporarily disabling.

Internet



A worker is vaccinated during a campaign against the Influenza A H1N1 Virus in Mexico City 2009. The Pan-American Health Organization said Friday it is aiming to vaccinate 41 million people in 45 Western Hemisphere nations against a variety of diseases in its ninth annual vaccination week.

INTERNET

Satellites "Yahsat Y1A, Intelsat New Dawn" lifted by "Ariane 5"

PARIS, 23 April—Heavy load launcher Ariane 5 lifted off two communication satellites, Yahsat Y1A and Intelsat New Dawn, at around 18:37 local time (GM 2137) on Friday from Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana.

Yahsat Y1A is the first United Arab Emirates satellite launched by Arianespace. It is built by Astrium and Thales Alenia Space and will be positioned at 52.5 degrees East. With a

design life of 15 years, it will be operated by the Al Yah Satellite Communications Company, a telecommunications company indirectly controlled by the Abu Dhabi government. The second passenger Intelsat New Dawn was built by Orbital Sciences Corporation and weighs about 3,000 Kilogrammes. Also with a designed life span of 15 years, it is planned to be positioned at 32.8 degrees East.—MNA/Xinhua



Models walk on the catwalk at the end of Kazakhstan design house Jado presentation during Kazakhstan Fashion Week in Almaty, 21 April, 2011.

INTERNET

Transocean contributed to Gulf disaster

NEW ORLEANS, 23 April—Flaws in Transocean Ltd's emergency training and equipment and a poor safety culture contributed to the deadly Deepwater Horizon drilling rig explosion that led to the Gulf oil spill, according to a Coast Guard report released Friday.

The report centred on Transocean's role in the disaster because it owned the rig and was primarily responsible for ensuring its safety, the Coast Guard said.

BP PLC owned the well that blew out.

The Coast Guard report also concluded that decisions made by

workers aboard the rig "may have affected the explosions or their impact," such as failing to follow procedures for notifying other crew members about the emergency after the blast.

The report doesn't explore the root causes of the well blowout, which triggered the explosions that killed 11 workers and sent millions of gallons of oil spewing into the Gulf of Mexico.

But the Coast Guard said numerous actions by Transocean and the rig's crew affected their ability to prevent or limit the disaster.

Electrical equip-



Fire boats respond to a the blazing remains of the drilling rig Deepwater Horizon in 2010.

INTERNET

ment that may have ignited the explosion was poorly maintained, while gas alarms and automatic shutdown systems were bypassed so that they did not alert the crew, the report said.

And rig workers didn't receive adequate training on how and when to disconnect the rig from the well to avoid an explosion, it said.

Internet

Half of youth sports injuries preventable

WASHINGTON, 23 April— Only 29 percent of US parents surveyed say the coaches of their children have the necessary skills to identify and prevent injuries, a survey indicates.

The survey, commissioned by Safe Kids USA and Johnson & Johnson, indicates 88 percent of parents say their young athletes should wear properly fitted equipment, 85 percent say student athletes should drink fluids regularly, 76 say their children should warm up before playing and 73 percent say children should take the same precautions when practicing as when playing in a game. About 3.5 million children age 14 and under are treated for sports-related injuries annually, and half may be preventable, Safe Kids USA officials say. Johnson & Johnson and Safe Kids USA's coalitions say they will host more than 100 free sports safety clinics nationwide for parents, coaches and young athletes from April through this summer, as well as a free Youth Sports Safety Webcast 2 May, at noon EDT to teach how to keep children safe in sports.

More information is online at www.safekids.org/sports. "Parents and coaches have a very important role to play in keeping children safe and injury free," Dr Angela Mickalide, director of research and programmes at Safe Kids Worldwide, says in a statement. "It begins with having the right attitude and realistic expectations for children about sports."

The telephone survey of 751 parents of athletes ages 5-14 was conducted by Hart Research Associates. No margin of error was provided.—Internet



Dignitaries seen present at Meeting (1/2011) of the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races.—MNA

Without national unity, country with ...

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as economy, social affairs, education, health and transport. Only if development tasks are carried out to improve the transport, economy, health and education standards of those regions, will national consolidation be strengthened and Union Spirit be forged.

It is important that the administrative machinery of the Union Government is to reach out to the whole nation, including the far-flung border areas. Only then can executive and judicial matters be effectively carried out and the rule of law will reign. Sub-townships have been formed in faraway regions. As those sub-townships are formed with the characteristics of a township, close supervision is necessary to effectively implement the tasks of the sub-townships.

Moreover, it is required to convince the people from the border areas of the government's goodwill efforts for peace and stability and development so that they can come to cooperate with the Union government and state and region governments with understanding by ignoring the spirit of relying on the other country and cultivating the spirit of cherishing their own country and regions, added the President.

Next, Secretary of the Central Committee Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt explained functions of the work committee for progress of border areas and national races.

The chief ministers of the states and regions explained their respective tasks and Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, assistance to be rendered by the Union Government.

The President fulfilled the needs and made a concluding remark. He said that the Head of State

himself led the Central Committee to carry out the tasks for progress for border areas and national races. The work committee implemented the tasks in accord with the policies and work programmes laid down by the central committee. As the present meeting was held for the first time by the central committee, the tasks to be implemented need to be relevant. With the formation of ministries of security and border affairs in the states and regions, the tasks and duties must be shared by the states and regions, subcommittees and work committees. When visits are made to the states and regions, coordination should be made and work procedures, division of labour, tasks for work committees and tasks to be carried out by the regions and states are to be arranged on a cooperative basis. As the tasks are wide and fundamental, the central committee will be taken charge by the President as Chairman and the two Vice-Presidents as Vice-Chairmen.

In the post-independence period, internal insurgencies reigned in the border areas due to disunity among the national people, localism and racism. Today, it is time to take lesson from the past. Actually, implementation of the tasks for progress for border areas and national races today can remedy the diseases of narrow-minded attitudes like localism and racism. So it is necessary to bridge the regions of the Union. With roads and bridges, there will be contacts and links among the national brethren and mutual friendship and amity will be forged.

As to the transport sector, the Tatmadaw government worked around the clock to build roads and bridges. But with the passage of time, there may be some damage and difficult transport. So it is needed to repair the damaged roads and bridges. While building new roads with added momentum, it is also necessary to repair and upgrade the old ones. In building new roads, priority must be given to the ones badly in need

of repair.

Likewise, for the development of border areas, encouragement must be given to the emergence of factories and workshops in addition to agricultural and livestock breeding businesses for the economic development of the local people. Measures are to be taken for development of those businesses as well as industries for food and shelter security and wealth of the local people.

When it comes to education, border areas still have a lot of illiterate people. Without literary knowledge, one cannot distinguish between right and wrong and may involve in criminal cases and drug trafficking. Therefore, measures are to be taken to improve the knowledge of the people in border areas through education. To improve the education, measures are to be taken to open new schools, facilitate administrative matters of the education staff and improve the image of the existing schools in the border regions. Besides, it is required to train the local people to be disciplined, morally good and equipped with the spirit of cherishing their own country.

Furthermore, it is needed to develop health sector in addition to uplift of education standard and to launch health educative programmes at greater length due to poor health knowledge. He continued that health staff members from border areas are to take care of locals all their best regionwise and townshipwise, to make field trip to secure regions and villages to some extent, to organize locals in carrying out environmental sanitation tasks, to educate the people who lack of health knowledge to broaden their horizons, and to pay high attention to development of national races in border areas. Cooperation of locals will be ensured through winning their trust. There remain a number of difficulties in some border areas till now for some do not realize government's goodwill and aims.

If the local people realize government's goodwill, policies and objectives and join hands together for development of their own region, all measures for progress of border areas and national races will be successful.

So, it is needed to go field trips to border areas to ensure smooth transportation and higher education and health standard. Region and State ministries of border affairs are to work unitedly in accord with procedures adopted by Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas National Races. Procedures for Regions and States will be adopted.

The meeting came to an end at 10.30 am.

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Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min making clarification.
MNA

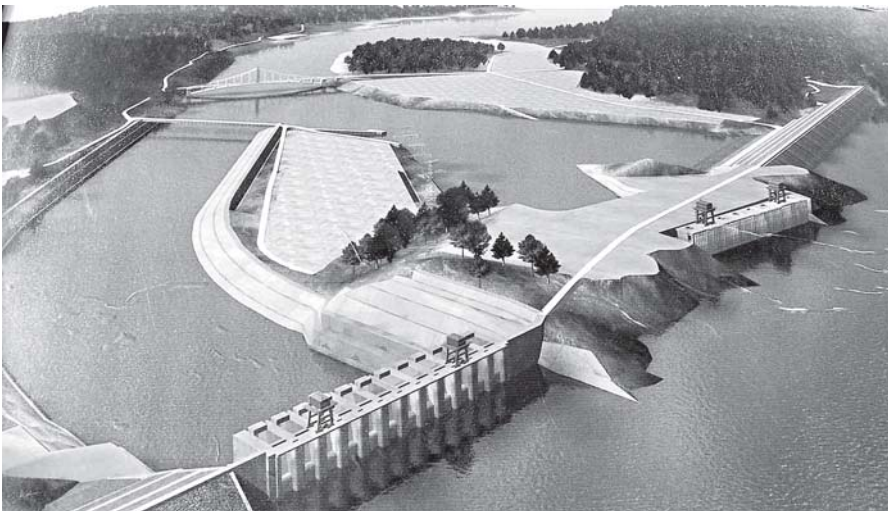
NAY PYI TAW, 23 April— At the meeting 1/2011 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee yesterday, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min reported on facts about generating of electricity for satisfying the demand of the nation and implementation progress of ongoing electric power projects.

A total of 17 power plants under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 have 2571 installed megawatt generating capacity and generate 13045.8 million kwh yearly.

Fifteen gas power plants with installed capacity of 714.9 megawatts under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 can generate 5719.2 million kwh yearly.

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Myitsone Hydropower Project near Tanphe Village below Maykha-Malikhha confluence.—MNA

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.

of 3285.9 megawatts to generate 18765 million kwh per year. Both ministries have 3285.9 megawatts installed generating capacity to generate 18765 million kwh per year.

At present, Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 is implementing 14 power supply projects, national entrepreneurs' companies nine projects and foreign investment 44 projects, totalling 67. On completion, the projects can generate 45378.5 megawatts.

Next, the minister submitted the reports on ongoing Middle Paunglaung Hydropower Project which can generate 500 million kwh yearly installed with 100 megawatts generating capacity, three miles upstream of proposed Paunglaung Bridge on Yamethin-Taunggyi Road and eight miles downstream of Upper Paunglaung Dam, and Namtabat Hydropower Project at Namtabat River, which can generate 575 million kwh yearly installed with 104 megawatts generating capacity, 45 miles southwest of Myitkyina in Kachin State and follow-up tasks.— MNA

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Yeywa Hydropower Project that can generate 3550 million kwh a year seen near Yeyaman Village, 31 miles southeast of Mandalay.

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Worksite safety, welfare activities...

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Ongoing projects are to be completed with might and main, projects initiated are to be implemented in accord with prioritized order depending on national budget. Works are not to be done with speed but to be acted on budget and

some works are to be initiated to go on.

Some massive projects cannot be implemented currently will be included in special projects implementation works.

It is needed to practise thrifty measures and responsible persons at different levels are to check worksites and monitor workers to ensure there is no wastage, and malpractice.

In addition, adaptation of carrot and stick approach is a must and worksite safety and welfare

activities are to be done in line with rules and regulations.

In conclusion, the president urged the attendees to accelerate momentum of endeavours, saying that the nation, under management of the central government, would doubtlessly grow into modern developed one in leaps and bounds if combined with collaborative efforts of Region and State governments and effective coordination. Then, the meeting came to an end in the evening.—MNA

12 National Grid and Power Station projects to be implemented in order to distribute electric power extensively



Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe makes clarification.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—In the coordination meeting (1/2011) of Special Projects Implementation Committee held yesterday, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe made clarification on national grid, main power station project.

Out of 278 projects of national grid and main power station submitted to previous special project meetings by Ministry of Electric Power No. 2, there are 104 projects completed, 33 projects under construction and 141 projects to be implemented. There are 18 projects of national grid and main power station

to be brought before the meeting.

Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe ex-

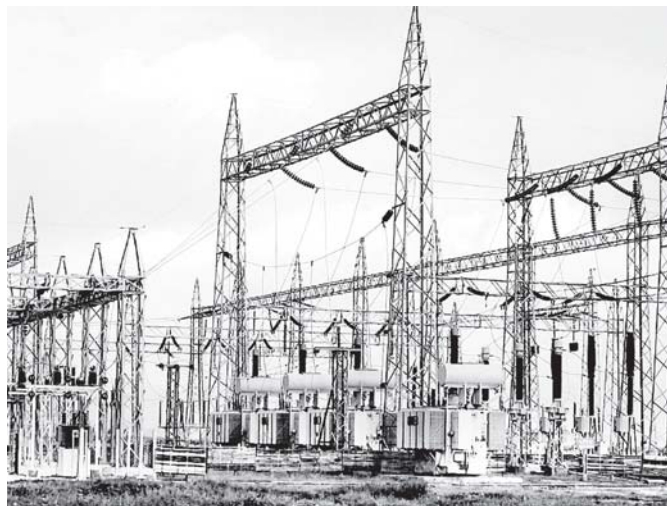
plained about 12 National Grid and Power Station projects to be implemented by the Ministry of Electric Power No.2 to distribute electric power extensively. The projects are 230-KV Waingmaw-Bhamo-Letpanhla-Myaukpyin National Grid and Power Station Project, 230-KV Nantabet-Waingmaw National Grid and Power Station Project, 66-KV Waingmaw-Myitkyina (1)-Myitkyina (2)-Myitkyina (3) National Grid and Power Station Project, 66-KV Mongyai-Tangyan National Grid and Power Station Project, 66-KV Mindat-Matupi National Grid and

Power Station Project, 132-KV Hopong (In/Out) National Grid and Power Station Project, 66-KV Aungpan-Pindaya National Grid Project, 230-KV Laymyo (2)-Laymyo National Grid and Power Station Projects, 230-KV Beluchaung (2)-Toungoo double National Grid and Power Station Project, 230-KV Thayagon-Minhla double National Grid and Power Station Project, 230-KV Middle Paunglaung-Paunglaung National Grid Project, 230-KV Bilin (Kamanat-Thaton) double National Grid Project.

The minister con-



Photo Shows Shweli-Mansan-Shwesayan 230-KV Power Grid Project.



tinued to go into detail about six Underground Power Grid Projects — 7.4-mile 66-KV Ahlon-Bayintnaung (Underground) Power Grid Project, 3.1-mile 66-KV Ahlon-MRTV-3 (Underground) Power Grid

Project, 1.2-mile 66-KV Ahlon-Mawtin (Underground) Power Grid Project, 3.8-mile 66-KV Ahlon-Railway Sub Power Station (Bogyoke Street) (Underground) Power Grid Project, 3.5-mile 66-KV Ahlon-Hsinmalike (Underground) Power Grid Project and 5-mile 66-KV Thakayta-Patheinnyunt (Underground) Power Grid Project.—MNA

Switch Yard of Thayagon 230-KV Power Plant.

Rehabilitation works to be done ahead of monsoon coordinated

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April — Rescue and Rehabilitation Committee Chairman Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe met with members of resettlement subcommittees, departmental officials and members of social organizations at Mekong River Hall this morning.

He coordinated rehabilitation

works to be completed ahead of monsoon in quake-torn Tahley in Tachilek District. Officials submitted reports at progress of rehabilitation tasks.—MNA

Deputy Minister U Phone Swe making speech.

MNA



More irrigation facilities under construction to boost agriculture



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing making clarification.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—At the meeting 1/2011 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee yesterday, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing explained successful implementation of 233 dam projects with the permission of the Special Projects Implementation Committee after 1988 and 31 projects under implementation and 14 to be implemented.

Projects under implementation were 80 per cent completed Kanyin Dam Project in Ingapu Township, Ayeyawady Region

which can irrigate 25000 acres of farmland and generate 27.48 million KWh per year; 87 per cent completed Kye-e-ohn-Kye-e-wa Dam Project near Wunloe Village in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Region which can irrigate 96000 acres of farmland and to prevent farmlands from flood, to irrigate more than 74007 acres of summer paddy as double-cropping-pattern and to generate 74 megawatts of electric power; 66 per cent completed Myogyi Multi-purpose Dam near Myogyi Village in Shan State (South) which can

River Water Pumping Projects under way

- * Meiktila Plain Water Pumping Project
- * Nonpoe River Water Pumping Project
- * Ayadaw-2 River Water Pumping Project
- * Ayadaw-3 River Water Pumping Project
- * Ngamoeyek River Water Pumping Project
- * Latpan River Water Pumping Project
- * Kankalay River Water Pumping Project
- * Kayanchaung River Water Pumping Project
- * Myitgyo River Water Pumping Project
- * Daka River Water Pumping Project
- * Gyiya River Water Pumping Project
- * Pyawya River Water Pumping Project
- * Donthami River Water Pumping Project
- * Dhammatha River Water Pumping Project
- * Kyonesoat River Water Pumping Project
- * Simikon-3 (Natogyi) River Water Pumping Project



Photo shows Paunglaung Diversion Wier in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township.

generate 135.7 million KWh per year; 33 per cent completed Pyu Creek Dam Project in Pyu Township in Bago Region which can irrigate 100000 acres of farmland, and prevent farmlands from flood and generate 40 - megawatt hydroelectricity; 36 per cent completed Myittha Dam Project near Pyntha Village, Gangaw Township, Magway Region which can irrigate 12000 acres of farmlands and generate

40-megawatt electricity; Pyu Creek Dam Project; Ngamoeyek Sluice Gate Project near Sitbintaung Village in Dagon Myothit Township (East) in Yangon Region which can 5895 acres of farmlands, prevent farmlands against saltwater and silt; 40 per cent completed Kodogwe Dam Project at Kodogwe Creek in Bago Township, Bago Region to green 30-mile radius of eastern Yangon; Kinmonchon Sluice Gate Project near Kinmonchon Village in Kayan Township, Yangon Region which can prevent 10300 acres of farmlands from flood and irrigate 300 acres of summer paddy; 55 per cent completed Myaukyama Extended Irrigation System Project in Pale Township, Sagaing Region which can irrigate existing 12000 acres of irrigated area in Myaukyama and additional 10000 acres of farmlands; 55 per cent completed Theinyin Dam Project in Kanbalu Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region which can irrigate 4996 acres of

farmlands and prevent against flood in fall across Theinyin Creek.

The minister went on to explain Yangon Region (East) 30-mile radius Greening Project which can green 30-mile radius of Yangon region (East) and can irrigate 10000 acres of farmlands in Bago Region and 55000 acres of farmlands in Yangon, altogether 65000 acres of farmland with extra water from dams in Bago Mountain Ranges (East) and dams to be constructed; and measures to store more water in Meiktila Lake by building supporting dams, and to supply irrigation water through Kinta Right Canal with extra water along Zawgyi Creek, and with underground water as Meiktila Plain Greening Project so as to irrigate the rest farmlands in Meiktila District, Mandalay Region (Currently irrigation water is being supplied to 60000 acres of farmlands out of total 2288000-acre farmland in Meiktila) and to green the region.

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Projects under implementation

- * Kanyin Dam Project in Ingapu Township, Ayeyawady Region
- * Kye-e-ohn-Kye-e-wa Dam Project near Wunloe Village in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Region
- * Myogyi Multi-purpose Dam near Myogyi Village in Shan State (South)
- * Pyu Creek Dam Project in Pyu Township in Bago Region
- * Myittha Dam Project near Pyntha Village, Gangaw Township, Magway Region
- * Ngamoeyek Sluice Gate Project near Sitbintaung Village in Dagon Myothit Township (East) in Yangon Region
- * Kodogwe Sluice Gate Project at Kodogwe Creek in Bago Township, Bago Region
- * Kinmonchon Sluice Gate Project near Kinmonchon Village in Kayan Township, Yangon Region
- * Myaukyama Extended Irrigation System Project in Pale Township, Sagaing Region
- * Theinyin Dam Project in Kanbalu Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region



ThanU Chauk Dam being constructed by Magway Region Irrigation Department in Kyaukhtu Township, Gangaw District, Magway Region.—MNA

More irrigation facilities under construction ...

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The minister continued that Water Utilization Department had completed 26 special river pumping project with irrigable acre of 218700 out of ongoing 42 special river water pumping projects with irrigable acre of 434500 and was implementing the remaining facilities. Meiktila Plain Water Pumping Project, one of the ongoing 14 special river water pumping projects, in Meiktila Plain Region, Wundwin Township, Mandalay Region can irrigate 30000 acres of farmlands with water from Kinta Diversion Weir, Nonpoe River Water Pumping Project located near Lonbo Village, Pakokku Township, Magway Region can irrigate 8000 acres of paddy, cotton and edible crops with water from Ayeyawady River, Ayadaw-2 River Water Pumping Project near Magyizaik Village in Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Region can irrigate 20000 acres of farmlands with water from Mu River, Ayadaw-3 River Water Pumping Project near Sintale Village in Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Region, Sagaing

Region can irrigate 40000 acres of farmlands, Ngamoeyek River Water Pumping Project near Motesoe Nyaungbin Village in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region can irrigate over 5000 acres of farmland with water from Ngamoeyek Creek, Latpan River Water Pumping Project near Moatsoe Nyaungbin Village, Hlegu Township, Yangon Region can irrigate over 7000 acres of farmlands with water from Ngamoeyek Creek, Kankalay River Water Pumping Project near Myaungdaga Village in Hmawby Township, Yangon region can irrigate 4500 acres of farmlands with water from Hline River, Kayanchaung River Water Pumping Project near Yonethabyaykan Village in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region can irrigate 5000 acres of farmlands with water from Kayan Creek, Myitgyo River Water Pumping Project near Shadaw Region in Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Region can irrigate 10000 acres of farmlands with water from Ayeyawady River, Daka River Water Pumping Project near Kanyinkauk Village in Kyaunggon Township, Ayeyawady Region can irrigate 9000 acres of farmlands with water from Daka River, Gyiwa River Water Pumping Project in Pakokku

Township, Magway Region can irrigate 5000 acres of farmlands with water from Ayeyawady River, Pyawya River Water Pumping Station near Pyawya Village, Myinmu Township, Sagaing region can irrigate 5000 acres of farmlands, Donthami River Water Pumping Project in Thaton Township, Mon State can irrigate 33000 acres of farmlands with water from Donthami River, Dhammtha River Water Pumping Project in Kyaikmaraw Township, Mon State can irrigate 5000 acres of farmlands with water from Jyaing River, Kyonesoat River Water Pumping Project near Kyonesoat Village in Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region can irrigate 9000 acres of farmland with water from Kyaiklat River, and 11.92 per cent completed Simikon-3 (Nwatoegy) River Water Pumping Project near Simikon Village, Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region for greening of the region, supply of potable water to Natogyi Township, and additional irrigation water to 15000 acres of farmlands and provision of additional water to Mahlaing Township and Taungtha Township and future tasks.

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Myanma Railways built new railroads and concrete sleeper factories for smooth transport, strengthening national consolidation and improving socio-economic status

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April — At Coordination Meeting (1/2011) of Special Projects Implementation Committee held yesterday, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min explained about projects being implemented with the permission of the committee.

These projects include completed 301 miles and 19 miles to be completed in 2011 of 320-mile Kyangin-Pakokku railroad project; completed 16.68-mile Katha-Moetargyi railroad section, ongoing 81.32 miles and 10-mile Moetargyi-Chaungwa railroad section to be inaugurated in 2011 of 98-mile Katha-Bhamo railroad project; 16.6-mile Namkhot-Hsinkhan-Hanhtet railroad section; inaugurated 5.6-mile Kentung-Wankaung railroad section of 226-mile Mongnai-Kengtung railroad project; 20-mile Dawei-Thayetchaung railroad section to be completed in 2011 on 132.5-mile Dawei-Myeik railroad project; completed 8-mile Magway-Kanbya railroad section, 22-mile Ywadaung-Natmauk-

Pyabwe (Yan Aung-Ywadaung section) and 35-mile Ywadaung-Natmauk railroad section to be completed in 2011 on 95-mile Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad project; completed 11.46-mile Sittway-Yechanpyin railroad section, 22.72-mile Kuntauung-Yotayoke railroad section and 19.9 Yotayoke-Kyauktaw railroad section and 27.3-mile Minbu-Padan railroad section to be completed in 2012 of 257-mile Minbu-An-Sitway railroad project; completed 20-mile Pathein (Begaret)-Einme railroad section and 20.13-mile Hsamaluak-Nyaungdon-Sakkawt railroad section and 21.5-mile Einme-Panwainaw railroad section to be completed in 2011 of 89-mile Pathein (Begaret)-Einme-Nyaungdon-

Yangon (Hlinethaya) railroad project; completed 20-mile Pyay (Shwedaga) - Paukhaung railroad section and 15.25-mile Paukhaung-Pasinkyal-Shwelaung railroad section to be opened in 2012 of Pyay (Shwedaga)-Toungoo (Kyedaw)-Nay Pyi Taw railroad project; completed 16.25-mile Hinthaya-Zalun railroad and 31.75-mile Zalun-Danubyu-Sakkawt railroad section of 48-mile Hithada-Danubyu-Sakkawt (Nyaungdon) railroad project; 19.3-mile Hsinthe-YeU railroad section to be completed in 2011 of 120-mile Nay Pyi Taw Hsinthe-Tatkon-Pinlaung railroad project; ongoing 108-mile Myitkyina-Bhamo railroad section, 210.5-mile Bhamo-Momeik-Kyaukme railroad section and 156-mile

Hsipaw-Laikha-Namhsan railroad section of 474.5-mile Myitkyina-Bhamo-Momeik-Kyaukme-Hsipaw-Laikha-Namhsan railroad project; ongoing 125-mile Monywa-Kani-Minkin-Kalewa-Kalay railroad project; and 150-mile Toungoo-Yado-Loikaw railroad project.

The minister also presented that Concrete Sleeper Factories in Myitnge, Pyuntaza, Mottama, Pakokku, Otshitpin and KhinU produced 4 million concrete sleepers which were replaced with the old ones on 4750.08 miles of railroad constructed from 1877 to date and are producing 11.5 million concrete sleepers for ongoing 1990.65 miles of railroad project. He also explained the situation of concrete sleeper factories in Minbu and

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min gives clarification.

MNA



Shwenyaung and factories to be implemented in Bhamo, Hsipaw and Namhsan.

Myanma Railways is building new railroads and concrete sleeper factories for smooth transport, reducing development gap, strengthening national consolidation and developing socio-

economic status.

Compared with 1976-mile railroad, 2793-mile rail track and 487 railway stations, the rail transportation section has developed with 3579-mile railroad, 4402-mile rail track, ongoing 1778-mile railroad, 297-mile railroad to be built and 899 railway stations now.

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A train running in Seikpyu-Yawchaung railway section in Seikpyu, Pakokku District of Magway Region.

To build sound socio-economic foundations in border areas, K 145,454 million were spent from border areas development fund and ministries concerned spent K 251,990 million from 1989 to date, totaling over K 397 billion



*Union
Minister at
President
Office
U Thein
Nyunt
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NAY PYI TAW, 23 April — Secretary of Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt explained the undertakings of the committee at Committee Meeting No (1/2011).

In his clarification, the minister said the central committee was formed on 25 May, 1989 and the working committee on 31 May, 1989.

In the time of Tatmadaw government, the central committee adopted policies and subcommittees and regional committees implemented development tasks for progress of border areas under the supervision of the working committee.

In the time of this administration, the working committee chairman will continue to supervise the undertakings for progress of border areas and national races.

The minister presented regional development tasks implemented in border areas from 1989 to date.

As road transportation is central to regional development, roads and bridges were constructed in border areas, using the state fund of over K 212,532 million. A total of 4479-mile earth road, 3202-mile gravel road, 476-mile tar road, 119 huge bridges, 1563 small bridges and 66 suspension bridges were constructed and 3590-mile roads were maintained. Important roads were upgraded to tar ones, situations of bridges improved and roads extended if necessary.

As the State sets sight on human resources development of border areas, it has opened 888 primary schools, 92 middle schools and 94 high schools in border areas. In cooperation with UN agencies and international organizations in Border Areas Development Project, it has built 892 schools and upgraded 953 schools.

For poor youths with less opportunity to pursue education, 29 Border Area National Races Youths Development Training Schools were opened and teaching 3147 national races youths including 140 primary school students, 1829 middle school students and 1178 high schools students.

For higher education, two Union National Races Youths Development Degree Colleges in Yangon and Mandalay were opened in 2000. A total of 1513 young ethnic graduates are assuming development and administration duties in their native regions. In 2010-2011 academic year, 125 Master's degree holders were nurtured. A total of

164 students are attending Master's degree courses and seven students, Ph.D courses in this academic year while 1073 pursuing higher education in degree colleges.

A total of 24 students are attending courses at National Races Development University, eight students at Nursing Training School, 10 students at Midwifery School and nine students at Education College. They will serve in education and health sectors of their own area after completing the courses.

A total of 39 Women's Vocational Training Schools were opened in border areas with the aim of developing living status of young women. To date, 38489 young women have been trained at schools.

National Races Youths Industrial Training Schools were opened in Laukkai, Panghsan, Mongla and Labutta.

Regarding the health sector, the State has adopted National Health Policy "to prioritize border areas as well as rural areas in extending health care". In 1988, there were six hospitals, eight dispensaries, 73 health staff in border areas. But there are 100 hospitals, 96 dispensaries, 94 rural health centres and 202 rural health centres (branch) now. In special development regions, 200-bed hospitals were opened.

With regard to agriculture, there are 31 agriculture offices, 118 agriculture camps, 63 dams under construction and completed, 17 dams surveyed, five canals and 11 tractor camps in border areas to meet regional food sufficiency and grow crops on a commercial scale.

With regard to livestock breeding, 20 breeding farms, 41 livestock breeding and veterinary offices have been opened and 111 good pedigree cows and donkeys provided.

With regard to highland farming project, there has been a plan to set up 10-year project and reclaim 111,900 acres since 2003-2004. So far, 31691 acres have been reclaimed in Shan, Chin and Rakhine States (An region), Kyaukhtu region of Magway Region and Seikphuthaung region of Nay Pyi Taw.

As regard to energy, small and medium hydropower plants were built in 51 border towns. A total of 276 generators were installed in 207 towns/villages to supply electricity and run small-scale businesses.

As regard to communication, 54 postal offices, 47 telecommunication offices and 86 telephone offices were built to develop social, economic and management sectors of border areas.

In regard to public relations, the State built 113 TV retransmission stations in border areas.

In regard to forestry, 14 nursery gardens, 11 designated forest reserves, 14 planning forest reserves, four sawmills were set up to procure ample forest products and prevent deforestation in cooperation with locals.

In regard to religious affairs, to promote and propagate Theravada Buddha Sasana in border areas, 52 pagodas, 289 monasteries, 15 nunneries and 66 religious buildings were constructed and 47 old religious buildings were renovated.

To build sound socio-economic foundations in border areas, K 145,454 million were spent from border areas development fund and ministries concerned spent K 251,990 million from 1989 to

date, totaling over K 397 billion.

At the same time, to install regular administrative system and ensure prevalence of law and order, 84 towns/villages were retransformed including border areas into township level-2 and 82 sub-townships.

Border areas development programmes are being implemented with five objectives inclusive of "To totally eradicate poppy growing by setting up business firms in border areas". For elimination of drugs, 15-year plan (from 1999 to 2014) is being put into practice.

The minister also presented facts about further cooperation with INGOs in drug elimination and regional development.

Regarding the cooperation with UN agencies, WFP supplied 144,891 tons of rice and foodstuff worth US \$ 63.53 million to 48 townships of Kachin, Chin, Rakhine (North) and Shan states, and Magway Region from 2003 to 2009, and it is supplying 157,644 tons of rice and foodstuff worth US\$ 121.78 million to 38 townships of above states and regions from 2010 to 2012.

UNHCR cooperated in 1174 small projects such as education, health, water fetching, roadwork and housing, and conducted courses to educate the people at the cost of US\$ 4.6 million in 15 townships of Kayin and Mon states and Taninthayi Township from 2005 to 2009, and is carrying out 1187 small projects at the cost of US\$ 4 million in 19 townships of those states and regions from 2010 to 2012.

As the State sets sight on human resources development of border areas, it has opened 888 primary schools, 92 middle schools and 94 high schools in border areas. In cooperation with UN agencies and international organizations in Border Areas Development Project, it has built 892 schools and upgraded 953 schools.

JICA engaged in technological cooperation project for drug elimination and the fight against poverty at the cost of US\$ 4.1 million in two townships of Kokang regions in Shan State (North) from April 2005 to March 2011.

The People's Republic of China donated rice to farmers who quit poppy growing along borderline: as first phase in 2006, it supplied 10,000 tons of rice to Kachin Special Region (1), (2), Kokang Special Region (1), Wa Special Region (2), Mongla Special Region (4), and as second phase in 2008, 10,000 tons of rice to above regions and Muse.

In conclusion, Minister U Thein Nyunt said that under the supervision of work committee, the ministry, regional work committees and working sub-committees will further carry out border areas and national races development tasks in accord with the directives laid down by Central Committee Meeting, enlisting active cooperation of local races leaders and the people.—MNA

Invitation to Tender (Kyats)

Sr.No	Description	Qty	Issuing Date	Closing Date
(a)	Medium Frequency Induction Furnace Accessories and etc;	1 Set	25.4.2011	10.5.2011
(b)	Shot Blasting Machine & Accessories	1 Set	25.4.2011	10.5.2011

Tender forms are available at the Planning Department, Myanmar Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry (1), Building No 41, Nay Pyi Taw, (067-408160, 408386)

Tender only which purchased officially will be accepted.

Myanma Ceramic Industries

French police find five bodies at home of missing family

NANTES, 23 April — French police opened a murder probe on Thursday after their search for a missing family yielded a severed leg, then five buried bodies believed to be those of a mother and her four children. A source close to the investigation said an “active search”

has been launched for the husband and father, 50-year-old Xavier Dupont de Ligonnes, after the macabre find.

“Anything is conceivable,” said the source. “We are in the dark.” De Ligonnes, a business manager, his 49-year-old school-assistant wife and

their children — boys aged 13, 18, and 21, and a girl aged 16 — went missing from their home in the western town of Nantes earlier this month. Before the family’s disappearance, the father told acquaintances that he was a secret agent and was leaving to join a witness protection scheme.—*Internet*



Police probing the disappearance found a human leg in the garden, then unearthed five bodies. INTERNET

Man denies Bellagio heist in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, 23 April — A US man accused of stealing \$1.5m (£950,000) in casino chips from the Bellagio resort in Las Vegas last December has pleaded not guilty. Anthony Carleo, 29, who is the son of a Las Vegas judge, was arrested in February on armed robbery, assault, burglary and weapons charges. Judge Michelle Leavitt, in the state of Nevada, set a trial date for 10 January 2012.

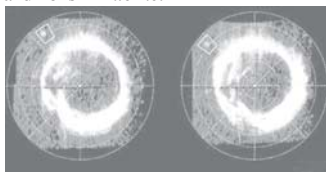
If found guilty, Mr Carleo could be sentenced to decades in prison. Mr Carleo is accused of shovelling handfuls of high value chips into a pouch before leaving the casino on a motorcycle. The robbery, carried out by a man in a motorcycle helmet, was captured on CCTV.— *Internet*

Aurora from Saturn moon ‘circuit’

LONDON, 23 April — Saturn enjoys a flickering “Northern Lights” phenomenon thanks to a flow of electrons to and from its moon Enceladus, researchers say. A report in *Nature* suggests these aurora would be faint, and in the ultraviolet part of the light spectrum. The find by the Cassini spacecraft is similar to the electrical “circuit” between Jupiter and three of its moons. Electrons flow to and from Enceladus’ poles in a vast loop, and aurora result where they hit Saturn’s magnetic field.

The aurora creation process is similar to that which happens at high latitudes on Earth; here, the paths of fast-moving charged particles from the solar wind are curved by the Earth’s magnetic field and emit the displays we know as the Northern and Southern

lights. In contrast, the fields created by Jupiter and Saturn envelop the planets’ moons, and what is known as electrodynamic coupling brings particles directly from the moons, completing what is actually an electrical circuit. The mechanism behind Jupiter’s aurora is presumed to be sulphur from its moon Io’s volcanic activity, split by sunlight into electrons and ions.—*Internet*



The aurora vary widely in intensity, and are generally weaker those on Jupiter.— INTERNET

Small plane crashes in Brazilian Amazon, killing 7

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 April — Brazil’s federal transportation agency says a small plane has crashed in the Amazon, killing seven people. It says eight others on the air taxi have survived. The agency says the plane crashed on Thursday soon after taking off from Manaus, the capital of Amazonas state. It was heading to the city of Santarem, in the state of Para.

Identities of the dead have not yet been determined, but include three men, three women and one child. The plane belonged to a local company called Amazonav Taxi Aereo.

Internet



Somali piracy has exploded in recent years, as companies have paid huge ransoms to free their vessels.— INTERNET

‘Pirate negotiator’ indicted in US federal court

WASHINGTON, 23 April — A US grand jury has indicted a Somali man accused of negotiating ransom on behalf of a band of pirates who captured a Danish cargo vessel. Ali Mohamed Ali, 48, was charged with four piracy charges and faces life in prison if con-

victed. Pirates captured the CEC Future in November 2008, with Mr Ali later negotiating a \$1.7m (£1) ransom to free the ship and crew, prosecutors said.

He was arrested on Wednesday at Dulles International Airport in Washington DC.

“This case shows our resolve to prosecute pirates and those who profit from crimes on the high seas,” US Attorney Ronald Machen said in a statement.

“Those who negotiate and collect these ransoms are every bit as responsible for these crimes as the pirates who commandeer the ships.”—*Internet*

Cry-baby ‘link to behavioural problems’

LONDON, 23 April — Babies who cry excessively and have problems feeding and sleeping have a greater risk of serious behavioural problems later in life, say scientists. One in five babies has symptoms that could lead to conditions such as ADHD, according to research published in *Archives of Disease in Childhood*. The review of previous studies looked at nearly 17,000 children.

A child-health expert said it would be wrong for parents to be “overly alarmed” by the results. Crying in babies is normal, but some cry “excessively” after the age of three months for reasons

other than colic. An international group of researchers looked at this as well as problems eating and sleeping. By comparing data from 22 studies from 1987 to 2006, they found a link between these issues and problems later in life.



Excessive crying as a baby may hint at behavioural problems later in life.— INTERNET

There was an increased risk of ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), anxiety and depression as well as aggressive behaviour. The research showed that a baby with more than one risk factor was even more likely to develop behavioural problems.—*Internet*

Underwater robots search for tsunami victims

TOKYO, 23 April — Two underwater robots operated by a joint US-Japanese team have searched a bay in north-east Japan for bodies of

victims swept away by a tsunami nearly six weeks ago, officials said overnight.

Although the Micro-ROV robots failed to spot any corpses in the search on Tuesday and Wednesday, they found that the fishing port of Minami Sanrikucho was free of major underwater obstacles and could be reopened soon.

“The water in the port is still so murky that it is very difficult to inspect visually,” said local fishery promotion official Akihiro Dazai.

“The robots’ sonar and video cameras could check what it was like underwater,” he said by telephone.

“We’ve confirmed that fishing boats can reach unloading berths without a major hindrance.—*Internet*

Andy Warhol self-portrait could fetch \$40m

LONDON, 23 April — An Andy Warhol self-portrait completed shortly before his death is expected to sell for up to \$40m (£24.3m) at a New York auction next month. Painted in 1986, *Self-Portrait* was among the last to be exhibited before he died after routine surgery aged 58.

The red-on-black piece, measuring nearly 3m per side, is considered a landmark work by the American pop artist. The painting will go under the hammer on 11 May.

Of the large self-portraits Warhol painted in



The portrait will go under the hammer on 11 May.— INTERNET

1986, the other six are all in museums or in collections.

“It is a rare event that a work of this grandeur and stature comes to market,” said Amy Cappellazzo of Christie’s. *Internet*

Hernandez heads United closer to title

MANCHESTER, 23 April—Manchester United took a huge step towards the Premier League title with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Everton at Old Trafford. Javier Hernandez grabbed the winner six minutes from time when it looked for so long as though Everton would graft their way to a well-

earned point. The Mexican's 12th league goal of the season gives United a six-point lead over title rivals Chelsea and nine-point over Arsenal ahead of their weekend fixtures. With just four games left in the league to go, United now look well on course for a record 19th league title.—*Internet*



Sunderland 4-2 Wigan

Henderson inspires fightback to halt freefalling Black Cats after Mohammad Diame thunderbolt

LONDON, 23 April—Black Cats end disastrous run with victory at the Stadium of Light, after falling behind England man, Gyan and Sessegnon get goals to secure three points.

Sunderland finally ended their nine game run without a win as they demolished Wigan 4-2 at the Stadium of Light thanks to two goals from Jordan Henderson and strikes from Asamoah Gyan and Stephane Sessegnon. The Black Cats got out of traps the fastest and a

good break down the right with Jordan Henderson and Stephane Sessegnon presented Danny Welbeck with a chance but he scuffed his shot straight at Ali Al-Habsi.

Both sides were trying to play free-flowing football but the home team were carving out the better opportunities and Gyan should have got his header on target following a good cross from Ahmed Elmohamady.—*Internet*

Tottenham Hotspur 2-2 West Bromwich Albion

LONDON, 23 April—A late goal from West Bromwich Albion denied Tottenham Hotspur the chance to move up to fourth in the table.

A late equaliser from West Brom substitute Simon Cox ruined Tottenham's attempt to jump ahead of Manchester City as Harry Redknapp's side had to settle for a draw at White Hart Lane.



Tom Huddlestone (L) and Sandro in action with Youssouf Mulumbu. INTERNET

Jermain Defoe's 100th goal for Tottenham looked to have given Spurs the win after Roman Pavlyuchenko had drawn the home side level following Peter Odemwingie's fifth minute opener.

But with 10 minutes remaining, Cox dipped a wonderful 20-yard shot over Heurleho Gomes' head to steal a point and leave Spurs one point behind City, who play Blackburn Rovers on Monday.—*Internet*

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE		
Man Utd	1-0	Everton
Aston Villa		1-1 Stoke
Blackpool	1-1	Newcastle
Liverpool	5-0	Birmingham
Sunderland	4-2	Wigan
Tottenham	2-2	West Brom
Wolves	1-1	Fullham
Chelsea	3-0	West Ham

Rodriguez hat-trick sinks Birmingham

LIVERPOOL, 23 April—Maxi Rodriguez plundered a hat-trick as Liverpool clinched a 5-0 win over Birmingham in their Premier League encounter at Anfield to plunge Alex McLeish's side back into relegation trouble.

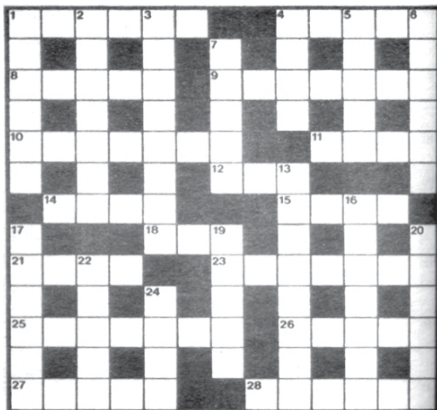
Rodriguez capitalised on a hapless attempted clearance from Ben Foster to give his side a seventh-

minute lead, and Dirk Kuyt doubled the Reds' advantage midway through the first half.

Rodriguez grabbed his second of the match in the 66th minute as his controlled volley was the culmination of a sweeping move from the hosts, and he sealed his hat-trick with a close-range finish seven minutes later before substitute Joe Cole added a fifth to round off an emphatic victory.—*Internet*



CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Powerful
- 4 Two and six
- 8 Base of tree
- 9 Sell assets
- 10 Tendered
- 11 Prophet
- 12 45 inches
- 14 Thrash
- 15 Metal
- 18 Energy unit
- 21 Egg
- 23 Promote
- 25 Hopelessness
- 26 German river
- 27 Scolded
- 28 Curdling agent

DOWN

- 1 Minister
- 2 Fungoid delicacy
- 3 Jade
- 4 Academic test
- 5 Filth
- 6 Speculative Proposition
- 7 Newlywed woman
- 13 Underwear
- 16 Applause
- 17 Large S. American vulture
- 19 Protect
- 20 Acting sovereign
- 22 Capsize
- 24 Magical staff

Lakers take 2-1 series lead with win over Hornets

NEW ORLEANS, 23 April—Pau Gasol snapped out of his playoff funk and Kobe Bryant was his usual prolific self, a combination that proved too much for the upstart New Orleans Hornets to overcome.

Bryant scored 30 points, Gasol added 17 points and 10 rebounds, and the Los Angeles Lakers took control of their first-round playoff series with a 100-86 victory Friday night.

The win gave the Lakers a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series, with Game 4 in New Orleans on Sunday. Just as important, the performance re-estab-



Los Angeles Lakers forward Pau Gasol, of Spain, (16) drives against New Orleans Hornets center Emeka Okafor during the first half of Game 3 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in New Orleans, on 22 April.—INTERNET

lished Gasol as one of the Lakers' primary scoring threats.—*Internet*

S P O R T S

Donald closes in on No 1 with Heritage lead

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, 23 April—Luke Donald moved a step closer to the No 1 ranking on Friday, shooting a 6-under 65 on Friday to take the lead halfway through The Heritage.

Donald is ranked third now, behind No 1 Martin Kaymer and No 2 Lee Westwood. However, Donald would jump to the top with a win at Harbour Town, no matter how Westwood fares this weekend at the Indonesian Masters. Westwood had a one-stroke lead Saturday in



Luke Donald of England

Jakarta after the completion of the suspended second round. Kaymer isn't playing this week.—*Internet*

Safina recovery continues in Fes

MOROCCO, 23 April—Former world number one Dinara Safina's resurgence continued at the Fes claycourt tournament on Friday with a gruelling 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 quarter-final win over fellow Russian Anastasia Pivovarova.

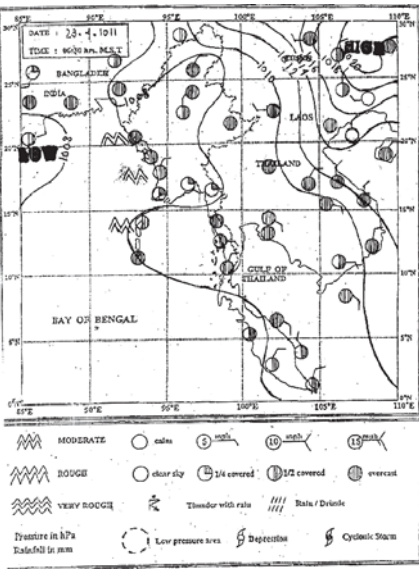
Safina, who is through to her first WTA semi-final since her runner-up finish at Cincinnati in 2009, has won nine of her last 12 matches, stretching back to the start of Indian Wells.



Dinara Safina of Russia

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 23rd April, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region and Shan State, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kchin State, isolated in lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfall in lower Sagaing Region. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kachin, Chin and Mon States, (5°C) above April average temperatures in Ayeyawady Region and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (43°C), Monywa, Myingyan, Minbu and Magway (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Shwebo (1.96) inches, Meikhtila (1.06) inches and Yamethin (0.83) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 22-4-2011 was 105°F. Minimum temperature on 23-4-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-4-2011 was (66%). Rainfall on 23-4-2011 was Nil.

Nay Pyi Taw(Airport)

Maximum temperature on 22-4-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 23-4-2011 was 79°F. Relative

humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-4-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 23-4-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 23-4-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (6.10) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (7.09) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (3.86) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (8) mph from East at (09:30) hours MST on 23-4-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 24th April 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine 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: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-4-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Barca style won't change: Guardiola

MADRID, 23 April—Barcelona coach Josep Guardiola said on Friday he saw no reason to change his side's attacking style of play in the wake of their loss to arch-rivals Real Madrid in the King's Cup final. "It seems like we cling to the style as an excuse whenever we lose. The style has much to do with the idea of the club and the coach. It is something that should not be raised, it is what it is," he told a news conference. "This is the way I understand football and as long as I am here, this is the way it is going to be."

"The King's Cup defeat would worry me if we were doing badly, but I don't see it that way. My feeling is that we are very close to winning the league and we are going to take part in another Champions League semi-final," he added.—*Internet*



Barcelona's players react during the Spanish Cup final match against Real Madrid at the Mestalla stadium in Valencia on 20 April.

INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (24-4-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (24-4-11 09:30 am ~ 25-4-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Kyaik Htee Yoe: Myanmar Miraculous Marvel
- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy Foods (Shwe Musel)
- * News
- * Myanmar's Beauty and Nature "Beach"
- * News
- * Ar-Yon-Daw Reciting Association of Ba-Din-Dan (Episode-II)

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * Kyaik Htee Yoe: Myanmar Miraculous Marvel
- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy Foods (Shwe Musel)
- * News
- * Myanmar's Beauty and Nature "Beach"
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities (Phyu Phyu Kyaw Thein)
- * Ar-Yon-Daw Reciting Association of Ba-Din-Dan (Episode-II)
- * News
- * The Light of World Peace
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Mya Nan San Kyaw (The Golden Palace)
- * News
- * Feel Pretty...in a Rawan Outfit
- * Myanmar Movies "Implicated Attachment"



Sunday, 24 April

View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta Venerable Mingun Sayadaw -Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning News

- 7:40 am
- 4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 6. (38) Phyar Mingalars
- 8:15 am
- 7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:25 am
- 8. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am
- 9. International News
- 8:45 am
- 10. Teleplay (Health)
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
- 2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am
- 3. Round Up Of The Week's International News
- 11:30 am
- 4. TV Drama Series

- 12:30 pm
- 5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:50 pm
- 6. Myanmar Movies
- 2:50 pm
- 7. International News
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm
- 2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
- 3. Dance Of National Races
- 4:25 pm
- 4. Instrumental Music
- 4:30 pm
- 5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Botany)
- 4:45 pm
- 6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

- 4:50 pm
- 7. Performance with Song
- 5:05 pm
- 8. Sing & Enjoy
- 6:00 pm
- 9. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 10. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 11. Cartoon Series
- 6:40 pm
- 12. Taymyethmar Takwetastar
- 7:00 pm
- 13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. International News
- 16. Weather Report
- 17. Cartoon Series
- 18. Myanmar Movies
- 19. Yinhlaiing-khatthan Taythihan (Song Competition)

- ★ 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

Worksite safety, welfare activities needed for workers Many hands make light work, cooperation is a must to achieve success

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April— Chairman of Special Projects Implementation Committee President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein addressed the coordination meeting (1/2011) of the Committee at the President Office yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the meeting were Committee Vice-Chairmen Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, committee members the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief, the Defence Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Union ministers, chief ministers of regions and states, the auditor-general, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

First, Committee Chairman President U Thein Sein delivered an



Coordination meeting (1/2011) of Special Projects Implementation Committee in progress at the President Office.
MNA

address. Next, Union Ministers for Construction, for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, for Industry-2, for Energy, for Electric Power Nos (1) & (2), for Agriculture and Irrigation and for Rail Trans-

portation explained projects of the respective ministries.

Chief Minister of Kayin State Brig-Gen Zaw Min submitted report on matters related to roads and hydropower generation, Chief

Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai on matters related to bridges, and border trade, Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye on matters related to roads, bridges, power supply, education, dams, river

water pumping stations, and repair of railroads, Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win on matters related to conditions of bridges and roads.

For his part, the President said that

projects discussed today are vitally important for development of the nation. These projects can be categorized as ongoing, and initiated projects and, some are under planning.

(See page 9)