

**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

## Shwehtidaw (golden umbrella) hoisted atop Mahaketu Theingi Pagoda built in Bayintnaung Tatmyo, Thandaung Township, Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—A ceremony to hoist the Shwehtidaw (golden umbrella), Hngetmyatnadaw (pennant-shaped vane) and Seinbudaw (diamond-bud) atop Mahaketu Theingi Pagoda built in Bayintnaung Tatmyo, Thandaung Township, Kayin State was held at the pagoda yesterday.

It was attended by members of the Sangha led by member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Myasikhon Kyaungtaik in Toungoo Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and wife, Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint, departmental

*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe convey Shwehtidaw (golden umbrella), Seinbudaw (diamond-bud), religious flag and robe to top of Mahaketu Theingi Pagoda. — MNA*



officials, social organizations, well-wishers and local people.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation of Namo Tassa three times.

Next, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññavamsa.

After that, members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Afterwards, well-wishers led by Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw, Shwekyathingan and Buddha statuettes to the Sayadaws.

Next, Presiding Sayadaw of Yadana Gonmyint Kyaungtaik in Toungoo Agga Maha Saddammajotika Bhaddanta Aravindabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing merits gained.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and wife and well-wishers conveyed Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw, Shwekyathingan,

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**Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.**

## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 3 April, 2007

### Strive for boosting per acre yield through better use of irrigation facilities

Pyaingchaung Dam in Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State was opened on 30 March 2007. It is the 197th facility of its kind built the length and breadth of the nation in the time of the Tatmadaw Government. The dam which was built near Mindan Village in Kyauktaw Township is of earthen type. The dam is able to irrigate 5,000 acres of farmland and to generate hydro-electric power through its 8-mile long main canal and 13-mile long irrigation canals.

In the past, Kyauktaw Township was able to engage in single cropping of monsoon paddy. With the emergence of Pyaingchaung Dam, the township is going to grow summer paddy as double cropping, thereby contributing to increasing the cultivation capacity. Moreover, three village-tracts in the township, that were unable to grow summer paddy in the past, are now able to cultivate over 1,000 acres of summer paddy.

Rakhine State is making relentless efforts to meet the target of producing 100 baskets per acre yield as it is planning to grow 1.21 million acres of monsoon paddy in the coming season. In the meantime, the state is trying its utmost to extend cultivation of new crop items such as pepper and rubber on a commercial scale.

This being the case, farmers in Rakhine State are to strive to boost the per acre yield of paddy to as high as possible. At the same time, they are to see to extended cultivation of crops in order to enhance their socio-economic life, making better use of dams and reservoirs including Pyaingchaung Dam in Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State.

**Fire prevention is compulsory**

**Prevent outbreaks of fire**

## Peoples' Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### Commander looks into preventive measures against dengue haemorrhagic fever, diarrhoea



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects sanitation tasks in Dagon Myothit (South) Township. — MNA

YANGON, 1 April — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win together with officials concerned went on a working tour of Dagon Myothit (South) yesterday morning.

At Aungzeya Housing, Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint and officials briefed the commander on efforts made in the reduction of DHF and diarrhoea diseases in the division, districts, townships and wards, preventive measures against DHF and diarrhoea, sanitation works and proper flow of drainage. Next, the commander gave instructions on participation of the public along with health staff, departmental officials and Yangon City Development Committee in the drive for preventive measures against

the diseases. Afterwards, the commander and party inspected preventive measures against the diseases, sanitation works and educative talks on health.

Upon arrival at the office of Mayangon Township PDC, the commander made a speech on the occasion. Next, the head of township health department and the chairman of township PDC briefed the commander on as drachage preventive measures against DHF and diarrhoea, sanitation works and proper flow of drainage.

Afterwards, the commander and party looked into preventive measures against the diseases in No 5 ward of Mayangon Township. — MNA

### Progress of Pyinmana (South) Timber Extraction Region inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung arrived at Taungsinaye jetty of Pyinmana (South) Timber Extraction Region in Mehaw, Lewe Township, yesterday. At the jetty, officials reported on progress of timber extraction.

The minister also inspected timber extraction in Mehaw reserved forest. Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanmar Timber Enterprise and Deputy Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department reported to the minister on tasks of timber extraction. The minister fulfilled the requirements of the tasks. — MNA

### Minister for Electric Power No 2 attends contract signing ceremony

YANGON, 2 April — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint attended the ceremony to sign three contracts on Electrical Equipment for Project O and Project P, Shwedaung-Okshitpin 230 KV Transmission Line, and 230/66/11 KV, 100 MVA Okshitpin Substation between Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and IGE Pte Ltd at the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 March.

At the ceremony, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint delivered an address.

General Manager Mr Lee Beng Ho of IGE Pte Ltd spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, Managing Director Dr San Oo of MEPE and General Manager Mr Lee Beng Ho signed three contracts.

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Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects Pyinmana (South) Timber Extraction Region in Mehaw, Lewe Township. — FOREST

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**Quake jolts South Pacific, deaths feared in tsunami**

CANBERRA, 2 April — Several people were feared dead on Monday after a powerful earthquake in the South Pacific sent a tsunami wave into the Solomon Islands, officials said.

A tsunami warning was also issued for other Pacific rim countries, including Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Australia, after the shallow quake, which had a magnitude of at least 8.0.

Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation in Honiara said residents on Simbo Islands had reported waves travelling

up to 200 metres (yards) inland, damaging homes.

“There are reports of two villages hit and four people missing on the island of Mono,” Solomon Islands’ chief government spokesman, Alfred Maesulia told *Reuters* from Honiara, the capital of the string of islands.

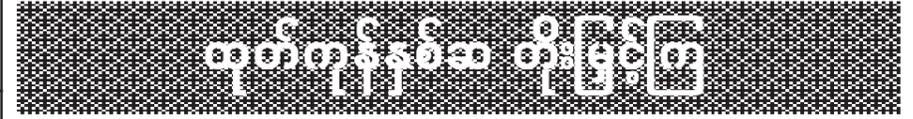
Mono is in the Treasuries Islands, an isolated group of islands in the far west of the Solomons.

Japan’s NHK television said that at least three people were reported to have died and many houses had been

destroyed.

Japan’s meteorological agency said on its website that a tsunami of 0.15 metre (6 inches) was recorded in Honiara, and that were a tsunami wave to reach Japan it would be around 0400 GMT.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre in Hawaii placed the centre of the quake around 350 kilometres (220 miles) northwest of Honiara. The quake, centred about 10 kilometres (six miles) below the surface of the ocean, struck at around 6:40 am (2040 GMT on Sunday). — *MNA/Reuters*



*Austria’s President Heinz Fischer (R) and his wife Margit Fischer visit the Kyongbok Palace in Seoul on 1 April, 2007. The Austrian President arrived in Seoul on Sunday for a four-day visit. — INTERNET*

**New Chinese regional jet being assembled in Shanghai**

SHANGHAI, 1 April—Final assembly of China’s innovative new regional jet, the *ARJ-21*, began Friday morning in Shanghai with the first 90-seater plane expected to roll out of the workshop at the end of the year. The domestically-developed *ARJ-21*, meaning “advanced regional jet for the 21st Century”, has given China a late but powerful presence in its own commercial aviation market, which up until now has been dominated by foreign aircraft manufacturers such as Boeing and Airbus.

The *ARJ-21* maiden flight is scheduled for March 2008 and mass production of the aircraft will begin in 2009, according to China Aviation Industry Corporation I (AVIC I), developer of the jet.

The market for the regional jet in China is expected to be around 700 by 2020, according to AVIC I.

“I am confident that the *ARJ-21* will become the best regional jet in the world and give passengers a safe and comfortable flight experience,” the *ARJ-21* chief designer, Wu Guanghui, told *Xinhua*.

The aircraft components are manufactured in Xi’an, Shenyang and Chengdu and then freighted to a large workshop at the Shanghai Aircraft Manufacturing Factory (SAMF) for assembly. — *MNA/Xinhua*



**Four crew members killed in Japan’s GSDF helicopter crash**

TOKYO, 1 April—A Japanese Ground Self-Defence Force helicopter crashed on Tokunoshima Island of southern Japan’s Kagoshima Prefecture on late Friday, killing all the four crew members onboard, *Kyodo News* reported on Saturday.

Local firefighters and police found wreckage of the *CH-47* large transport helicopter on Mount Amagi Saturday morning.

The helicopter, which left Naha, Okinawa Prefecture at about 9:50 pm, was heading for Tokunoshima after receiving an emergency call to transfer a patient. It changed the planned landing spot from near the hospital to Tokunoshima Airport due to bad weather, and went missing shortly before finishing its trip of some 200 kilometres, reports said.

Local police and firefighting departments said they received calls at about 11:00 pm Friday night reporting explosions and the mountain fire. — *MNA/Xinhua*

*A Javanese Catholic boy wearing a palm crown stands during a Palm Sunday procession as a series of Easter celebrations in the village of Grogol, central Java on 1 April, 2007. — INTERNET*

**Pakistan test fires short-range missiles**

ISLAMABAD, 1 April—Pakistan successfully tested a short-range nuclear-capable ballistic missile on Saturday, the military said. It was the second test firing of the surface-to-surface *Hatf-11 Abdali* missile within a month. It can travel up to 200 kilometres (125 miles).

“The test was aimed at validation of

the desired technical parameters which has been successfully achieved,” the military said in a statement.

Last week, Pakistan test fired a nuclear-capable *Hatf-VII Bahur* cruise missile with a range of 700 kilometres (435 miles). Nuclear-armed Pakistan and India routinely carry out missile tests despite a peace process they launched in early 2004, and both have agreed to inform each other of such tests in advance.

Pakistan and India carried out tit-for-tat nuclear weapons tests in 1998.

*MNA/Reuters*

*Protesters participate in a candlelight vigil against the South Korea-US free trade agreement (FTA) talks in front of the Seoul city hall on 1 April, 2007. — INTERNET*





Chinese President Hu Jintao (L2) plants a tree at the Olympic Forest Park in Beijing, on 1 April, 2007. Senior Chinese leaders including President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao joined two million people in Beijing for voluntary tree planting on Sunday.—XINHUA

## Malaysian sniffer dogs find second pirated-DVD haul

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 April — Two Malaysian dogs trained to sniff out DVDs have made their second big discovery of pirated movies, leading investigators to a hidden stash worth more than 430,000 US dollars, a local newspaper said on Sunday. Lucky and Flo, two black Labradors, sniffed out at least 150,000 discs in a secret compartment in a shop in the capital on Saturday after anti-piracy officials, acting on a tip-off, raided the place but failed to find anything, the *New Sunday Times* said. “They decided to

call in the canine brigade,” it said. “Within minutes, the two Labrador retrievers sniffed out the hidden discs in a room that could only be accessed by the push of a button hidden under a plug outlet.” Local media say movie pirates have put a bounty on the dogs after the hounds busted a fake DVD ring last month in the southern state of Johor, sniffing out about 3 million US dollars worth of movie and game discs in their first major successful operation. Authorities say they are treating the threat

seriously and have beefed up security around Lucky and Flo. —MNA/Reuters



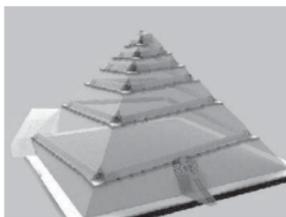
MNA/Xinhua

People enjoy cherry blossoms on the canoe in Yokohama, near Tokyo, on 1 April, 2007. Tens of millions of people across the country are expected to take pleasure in viewing cherry blossoms around this time of the year.

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## Architect claims to solve pyramid enigma

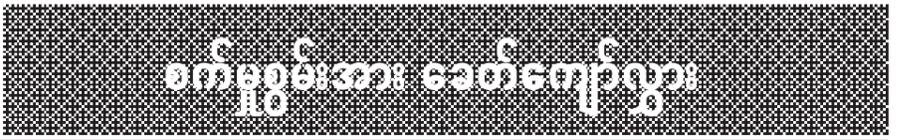
BEIJING, 2 April— A French architect claims to have cracked a 4,500-year old mystery surrounding Egypt’s Great Pyramid, saying it was built from the inside out, media reported on Monday. The construction of the Great Pyramid by Khufu, a ruler also known as Cheops, has long befuddled scientists as to how its three million stone blocks weighing 2.5 tons each were lifted into place. According to architect Jean-Pierre Houdin’s theory shown in a computer model, the builders put up an outer ramp for the first 140 feet (43m), then constructed an inner



Great Pyramid. INTERNET

ramp in a corkscrew shape to complete the 450-foot (137m) structure. Previous theories have suggested Pharaoh Khufu’s tomb, the last surviving example of the seven great wonders of antiquity, was built using either a vast frontal ramp or a ramp in a corkscrew shape around the exterior to haul up the stonework.

Houdin also claimed to have shed light on a second enigma surrounding the purpose of a Grand Gallery inside the pyramid. Houdin believed its tall, narrow shape suggests it accommodated a giant counter-weight to help haul five 60-ton granite beams to their position above the King’s Chamber. He thought that no more than 4,000 people could have built the pyramid using these techniques rather than the 100,000 or so assigned by past historians to the task of burying the pharaoh. Internet



## Gear shortage to haunt US military years after Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 1 April — The US military is so short of equipment that it will take years after the war in Iraq ends to bring it up to normal levels, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Peter Pace acknowledged. “It will take end of war plus two years to work off the backlog,” said one of Pace’s latest testimony to the Congress which was quoted by Friday’s online edition of *Defence News*. “Without being able to

give you a definite end of war (date), I can’t tell you exactly how long,” it said. Pace said that 40 per cent of US Army and Marine corps equipment have already been deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan or being repaired in depots. Some lawmakers like John Murtha, also pointed out that nearly all the propositioned US military equipment stored at locations around the world has been spent, save for

one location. “The vast majority of our Army units here at home are critically short of equipment and personnel,” Murtha said, adding this was leaving some stateside units “at the lowest readiness level”. Many US officials and experts agreed that the Iraq war, which is in its 5th year, has severely stretched the US military, eating up a large chunk of its equipment and seriously weakening its combat-readiness.

MNA/Xinhua

## Twelve die in taxi accident in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 1 April— Twelve people were killed when a minibus taxi overturned on a highway in the Western Cape, SABC radio news reported on Saturday. Five people were seriously injured in the accident, which occurred as members of the same family were taking a corpse to the rural Eastern Cape Province for burial, the report said.

MNA/Reuters



Youths blow soap bubbles as they participate in a march along the Arbat street in central Moscow to celebrate traditional April Fool’s Day, on 1 April, 2007. — INTERNET

## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Bolivian Senate approves oil contracts with foreign companies

LIMA, 1 April — Bolivia's Senate on Friday approved nearly all contracts signed in October with 12 foreign oil companies, reports from La Paz said.

During a session that ran until 4 am (0900 GMT), the Senate passed 41 of the 44 oil contracts after "errors" that had delayed the deals' implementation were corrected. Discussions on

the other three were postponed to Monday.

The newly-approved contracts assured the stay of companies from Brazil, Spain, Britain and France, as well as a sharp increase of public revenues from 360 million US dollars to 1.2 billion dollars per year.

The approval took place in a hard-fought scenario between the Bolivian Government,

civilian sectors and opposition parties, which said numerous "errors" in favour of the foreign companies were discovered in the contracts.

Bolivian President Evo Morales' administration has accepted responsibility for the errors, saying there were "no signs of irregularities or fraud".

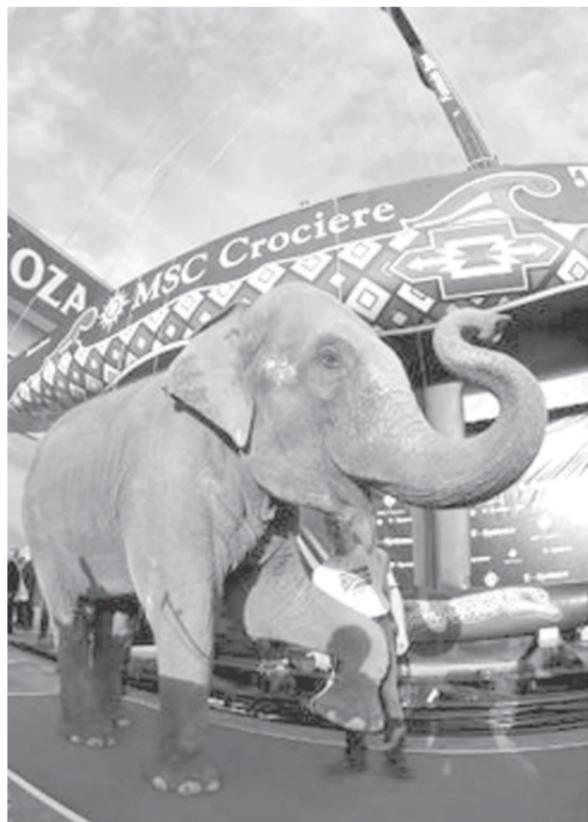
On 1 May, 2006, Morales announced the nationalization of the country's oil and gas industry, setting off six months of negotiations during which foreign energy companies agreed to give the state more revenues and majority control of their operations in Bolivia.—MNA/Xinhua

## Britain's Network Rail fined \$8m for Paddington crash

LONDON, 1 April — Britain's rail network operator, Network Rail, was fined 4 million pounds (7.9 million US dollars) in court on Friday for a train crash in 1999 at Ladbroke Grove, west London, that killed 31 people.

The crash occurred when a Great Western express service from Cheltenham to Paddington Station smashed head-on into a Thames commuter train, which had run through a red stop light outside the station.

Network Rail was also ordered to pay 225,000 pounds in costs. Prosecutor Philip Mott told Blackfriars Crown Court earlier in the week: "The forces involved in such a high-speed crash were enormous and the damage and destruction was compounded by fireballs of diesel vapour which shot through the wrecked carriages." — MNA/Reuters



An elephant is shown in front of America's Cup challenger Team Shosholoza boat RSA83 during boat's unveiling ceremony three days before the Valencia Louis Vuitton Act 13 Fleet-Race competition in Valencia on 31 March, 2007. — INTERNET



Smoke from a bushfire fills the sky near the Warner Bros studios at the Universal City area in northwest Los Angeles on 30 March, 2007.— INTERNET

## Vietnam hunts foreign source of mystery oil spills

HANOI, 2 April — Vietnam's prime minister has ordered an international investigation into mysterious oil spills that have blackened some of the country's most popular beaches after ruling out the country's oil rigs.

"We have run thorough checks using vessels and aircrafts on our seas and found that our oil wells are safely operated and are not

the culprit of the oil spills," Nguyen Tan Dung told delegates at the National Assembly in a live television broadcast on Saturday.

Dung was referring to two spills that occurred this year, one in January that hit beaches in the central part of the country and the second detected on 11 March along the southern coast.

State oil monopoly Petrovietnam president Dinh La Thang said tests showed the oil in the spill was crude oil from outside Vietnam, state media reported on Saturday.

Petrovietnam produces around 350,000 barrels of crude oil per day, most of it from rigs off the central coast and exported to refineries and power plants in Japan, South Korea, China, Australia and Singapore.

"The Foreign Affairs Ministry has been designated as the lead agency along with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and other agencies to work with other countries in the region and in the world to find out the solution and limit the damages to our country's environment," Dung said. The National Committee for Search and Rescue said residents had so far collected nearly 1,500 tons from the two mysterious spills.

MNA/Reuters



A model presents an outfit from All Dressed Up Spring/Summer 2007 Collection: The New Gatsby during the Singapore Fashion Festival 2007 on 30 March, 2007. — XINHUA

## Five killed in accidents in Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG, 1 April — Five people were killed and 16 others injured, 12 seriously, in separate accidents around Johannesburg on Saturday morning.

Emergency services spokesman Malcolm Midgley said a man was burnt beyond recognition when his VW Golf crashed into a barrier on the Rivonia off ramp on the N1 and caught fire shortly after 4 am.

A few kilometres from that scene one person was killed and two others seriously injured when an Audi crashed into the back of a Ford.

In Witpoortjie, Roodepoort on the West Rand, a pedestrian was killed when he got in front of a car. This caused the driver of the car to collide with a bakkie, killing both drivers on impact.

The spokesman said two passengers from both vehicles were seriously injured, while another passenger

sustained minor injuries. They were all taken to the Leratong Hospital.

In another accident six people were seriously injured when their minibus taxi veered out of control and overturned in Orange Farm, Midgley said.

"Three people from the same taxi sustained minor injuries. The driver was among the seriously injured."

Two more people were seriously injured, one on the Hans Strijdom offramp, the other in Kyalami.

In Kyalami a young man had just celebrated his 21st birthday, his brand new VW Golf apparently veered out of control and crashed into a tree.

Midgley said reckless or negligent driving, as well as a "touch of alcohol" were to blame for most of the accidents.

MNA/Xinhua



Models pose with Yamaha's "Majesty" at the Tokyo Motorcycle Show 2007 in Tokyo on 30 March, 2007. — INTERNET

### Tsunami strikes Solomon Islands

KAMPALA, 2 April— A tsunami has swept ashore in the Solomon Islands after a strong undersea earthquake in the South Pacific. Initial reports from outlying, remote areas say at least eight people have been killed, but local officials fear the death toll could rise further. The National Disaster Council chair-man told reporters that some villages had been "completely wiped out".

Tsunami warnings have also been issued for Papua New Guinea, northeast Australia, and other nearby islands. The quake measured 8.0 and hit at 0740 local time on Monday (2040 GMT Sunday). It struck 345km (215 miles) northwest of the Solomon Islands' capital Honiara, northeast of Australia, the US Geological Survey said, at a depth of 10km (six miles) below the surface.

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A new hall in Madrid's Prado museum. The expansion of Madrid's prestigious Prado museum, housing work from some of Spain's most important artists, is nearly complete after five years of construction, officials said recently. — INTERNET

### China detains 10 over Beijing subway tunnel cave-in

BEIJING, 1 April — Chinese police have detained 10 people in connection with the collapse of a Beijing subway tunnel being built for the 2008 Olympics that killed six workers, *Xinhua* news agency said in a report on Sunday.

The accident happened on Wednesday, but the construction firm failed to report it for nearly eight hours and instead tried to rescue the trapped workers on its own.

Project managers also ordered workers not to talk to media or police

and confiscated their mobile phones, the report said, adding the project supervisor and tunnel designers were among those detained. The bodies of three of the workers had been brought to the surface, but rescuers were still struggling to recover the remaining three, trapped under layers of earth and concrete, the *People's Daily* reported.

The 25-kilometre (15-mile) line has reported several accidents in the past. Last June, two people were killed in a collapse and in January 2006 a section of highway running past Beijing's central business district caved in, rupturing a sewerage pipe and flooding a subway construction site.

MNA/Reuters



Afghan men salvage a cupboard from a house destroyed by flood in Kabul on 1 April, 2007. Floods and avalanches killed scores of people in Afghanistan and Pakistan, officials said on Sunday, as heavy rains destroyed villages, flooded farmland and drove hundreds from their homes. — INTERNET

## Czech Republic plans to consult NATO, Russia on US missile shield

BUDAPEST, 1 April — The Czech Republic is within its rights to sign an agreement with the United States on extending a US missile defence programme to Central Europe, but it plans to consult both NATO and Russia, Czech Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek said Friday.

The US plan to site a missile defence radar system in the Czech Republic will be discussed at NATO level so the project can fit into any similar future programme by the alliance, Topolánek told reporters at the end of a two-day visit to Hungary. The United States in

January proposed installing parts of its anti-missile shield in Central Europe, including 10 interceptor missiles in Poland and a radar system in the Czech Republic.

There was no doubt that the Czech Republic and Polish parts of the US missile shield would contribute to the protection of a major part of Europe, Gyurcsány said.

Most Czechs oppose

the proposed radar base, recent polls have shown. Topolánek's Civic Democratic Party, however, is in support of it. The proposal has drawn strong criticism from Russia, which warned it could trigger an arms race, although Washington has insisted that the system is designed to counter future threats from countries such as Iran.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesian clerics declare new party for 2009 elections

JAKARTA, 1 April — Some leaders of Indonesia's largest Muslim group Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) declared Saturday the establishment of a new party to compete for the 2009 legislative elections.

The National Awakening Party of Followers (PKNU) was declared in the Eatrs Java Town of Tuban, and the ceremony was attended by some of the most influential clerics in the province.

PKNU Chairman Choirul Anam claimed the new party was the manifestation of the new Nahdlatul Ulama, which is estimated to have more than 30 million followers. The new-born party targeted to win 18 per cent of the votes in the 2009 legislative elections, he was quoted by the national *Antara* news agency as saying. With support from regional chapters in 33 provinces, PKNU is now ready for the elections, he said. —MNA/Xinhua

## Police say explosives cache bigger than Bali bomb

JAKARTA, 1 April — Explosives found earlier this month under a house exceeded the amount used in the main device that exploded in the 2002 Bali bombings, Indonesia's police chief said on Friday.

A bomb-laden minivan killed more than 200 people and ripped through nightclubs in Bali's famed Kuta beachstrip on 12 October, 2002.

That bomb was believed to be the work of Malaysian Azahari Husin, the alleged bombmaker of Southeast Asia's Jemaah Islamiah militant network.

Police found at least 20 bombs and large quantities of bomb-making chemicals when they raided the house in Central Java more than a week ago. The cache was found

after arrests of suspected militants in Central Java and Yogyakarta provinces.

"The discovered explosive materials had a large capacity. If they were assembled into one device, it could be more powerful than the one used in the first Bali bombing," Indonesia police chief General Sutanto told reporters.

In 2005, suicide bombers used smaller bombs strapped to their bodies in attacks that killed 20 people in three restaurants in Bali.

MNA/Reuters

# Let's cultivate good habit of reading

*Mya Phu (IPRD)*

Establishing a self-reliant library each in its villages, Myanmar is proud to be a country, where the largest number of village libraries have been opened in the world. One may wonder why Myanmar pays a serious attention to establishment of libraries, what advantages bring in setting up libraries and why libraries are being opened on a grand scale in it.

Short and to the point, literature of a nation indicates its social standard. Apparently, a nation with a high literary standard has a promising future. Similarly, the social standard of a nation will get higher based on how much it can raise its literary standard. A place where people have less knowledge with a low education standard does not have any prospects for development. The living standard of people of such a country is very low if compared with that of developed countries. In addition, they are likely to fall under alien domination.

Every citizen is therefore duty-bound to take part in regional development tasks with a sense of duty. Educated persons with high intellectual power and a wide range of knowledge have to play a leading role in that regard. In addition, it is required to broaden the horizon of the people.

Illiterates can be nurtured to become literate persons. So, it is necessary to persuade those unwilling to read to pay more attention to reading. If an illiterate becomes literate, he will take interest firstly in cartoons, comics and short stories. Then, he should be trained to read newspapers, journals and magazines that are available at school libraries and ward self-reliant

libraries.

A person will be able to play a leading role in the national development tasks only when he is educated enough. Reading can make a person mature with high intellectual power and contribute towards human resources development.

Intelligent persons rely on libraries, whereas those with less knowledge do not. Thus, it is needed to understand the important role of a library.

Nothing can be compared with reading in a library in gaining benefit. To do so, one has to make an investment of time only, but he can gain a lot of benefits from reading such as good ideas and knowledge.

A library is not a place just for reading. It also serves as a bridge between the books and a reader. A reader gains some ideas from the books and he will be able to expand and apply them.

People should know well the value and importance of a library. In giving educative talks on library services at departments, schools and wards, service personnel of the Information and Public Relations Department are making the audience notice the importance of a library in a short time so that dwellers of a village or a ward who have access to library but cannot afford time to take greater interest in reading at the libraries.

By reading, the entire people can raise their reasoning power and will be able to shape their future better. It is necessary to persuade the people to read regularly.

Reading can enhance intellectual power of the readers. With high intellectual power, a person can perform tasks brilliantly. A person with high calibre will never lead a

miserable life.

The government has given instructions on establishment of libraries and assigned duties to responsible persons to closely supervise the tasks. Welding their capabilities, ideas and knowledge, IPRD staff have been opening libraries across the nation for the people.

People have gained a lot of knowledge by reading. Due to a good habit of reading, the number of people with positive attitude is on the increase. Such a good habit has rejected doubts and suspicions and has fostered unity among the people. And with thinking power gained through reading, people come to be able to distinguish good and bad. Only with high intellectual power, can a person differentiate between enemies and friends. Now, the people have realized the benefits of literacy.

With a sense of duty, a citizen will be eager to serve the interests of the motherland. A person lacking a sense of duty will not hesitate to destroy the nation, let alone serving the interests of the nation and the people. Literacy is the only thing that can inculcate a person to possess a sense of duty.

Therefore, it is required to establish libraries throughout the country. As moral lessons lie in the books, people should cultivate a good habit of reading to improve their wisdom. It is unforgettable that in the colonial period, the majority of Myanmar people were not literate with a low social standard. At present, however, some persons are still dancing to the tune of external elements, and standing as yesmen. Such persons are likely to lose the abilities of serving the interests of human society. Literacy can make rude people polite, and push those with wrong beliefs and concepts on the correct path.

Hence, all are to make efforts to ensure flourishing and durability of the already-established libraries.

To achieve success of a plan, reliance should not be placed on the government alone. The people on their part are to make earnest efforts with goodwill to complete the plans on schedule.

Therefore, all are to strive in accordance with the directives for the progress of self-reliant libraries in the villages and wards.

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## Shwehtidaw (golden umbrella) hoisted atop Mahaketu Theingi Pagoda ...

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 tiers of Shwehtidaw and Buddha statuettes round the pagoda clock-wise and hoisted atop the pagoda through the decorated carriage.

At the auspicious time, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and well-wishers put Buddha statuettes and religious objects into the chamber.

Next, Seinbudaw, Hnge tmyatnada w, Shwekyathingan, tiers of Shwehtidaw and Buddha statuettes were hoisted atop the pagoda through the decorated carriage.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and well-wishers offered

Shwekyathingan, alms, fruits, flowers and water to Buddha images of the pagoda.

Next, members of the Sangha consecrated Buddha images and Mahaketu Theingi Pagoda.

The ceremony ended with the three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha.—MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents Diamond Bud to a Sayadaw.

MNA



The congregation receive Nine Precepts from a Sayadaw at the ceremony to hoist Shwehtidaw atop Mahaketu Theingi Pagoda. — MNA



## Commander visits Yezin Fisheries Dept, Yezin Dam

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, accompanied by District Peace and Development Council Chairman U Khin Maung Zaw and officials, yesterday morning inspected the summer paddy cultivation and fish breeding of Yezin Fisheries Department and Yezin dam in Pyinmana District.

The commander and party first visited the paddy plantation of farmer U Maung Bo in Thittat village and gave necessary instructions.

On arrival at Yezin Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the commander heard a report by Assistant Director U

Maung Chit on the establishment of the department. The commander next inspected breeding of various species of fish.

Later, he proceeded to Yezin Dam. Assistant Director U Myo Myint Aung reported on facts about the dam.

The commander gave instructions on measures to be taken for the greening of the environs of Nay Pyi Taw airport in cooperation with the Irrigation Department, Pyinmana District Myanma Agriculture Service, Transport Department and local farmers.

MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin inspects fish breeding at Yezin Fisheries Department in Pyinmana. — MNA



## Minister assists in hydel power project construction in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min went to Thahtay Hydel Power Project in Thandwe on 30 March and assisted in construction of the project.

The project will be equipped with three 37.5 MW generators. Thahtay Hydel Power Project is being implemented on Thahtay Creek located 12 miles northeast of Thandwe, Rakhine State.

On his tour of Rakhine State, Minister Col Zaw Min also visited An Chaung Hydel Power Project on An Creek in An, Rakhine State, on 31 March and gave instructions on construction works.

The project is situated about 3.5 miles northeast of An, Kyaukphyu District. During his tour, the minister inspected the construction of the main dam for the project. The generators of the project will have a total capacity of 15 MW. Upon completion, the project is expected to generate about 65 million KWh in a year.

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## Thai Minister for Public Health and party leave

YANGON, 2 April — After attending the Fifth Myanmar-Thai Health Cooperation Ministerial Meeting, Thai Minister for Public Health Dr Mongkol Na Songkhla and party left for home by air today.

They were seen off by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, departmental officials, Charge d' Affaires of the Thai Embassy Mr Prasas Prasasvinitchai and Embassy staff at the Yangon International Airport.

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## Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects...

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Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, Col Khin Kyu and Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe presented kitchen crops and household goods to U Htay Maung and party.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo observed the task of giving polio vaccine to children of the region. He presented gifts to the children and medicine and medical equipment to the dispensary. He inspected the TV retransmission sta-



**Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence inspects Daweida Bridge in Kawkaeik Township. — MNA**

tion, farms, land reclamation and Pata Creek dam project.

At his meeting

with farmers, he urged them to further strengthen regional peace and stability and develop their re-

gion. He then met with Tatmadaw members and families at a regional battalion. — MNA

## U Aung Thein appointed Ambassador to Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Aung Thein, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.—MNA

## USDA members to see to seven-step Road Map

YANGON, 2 April — Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and Patron of Rakhine State USDA Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein had a meeting with CEC members, members of District and Township USDAs and members of social organizations at Kyauktaw Township USDA office on 29 March.

Secretary U Oo Tun Shwe of Kyauktaw Township USDA, Daw Aye Aye of WAO and Daw Aye Cho of MCWA reported on participation of the association in regional development tasks.

The commander dealt with the efforts the government, the Tatmadaw, and the people are exerting to build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, calling for participation of the members in the implementation of the State's seven-step Road Map hand in hand with the people.

The secretary-general gave a speech and presented exercise books to Township USDA executives to distribute to the schools in the townships.—MNA

## Foreign Minister of S'pore arrives

YANGON, 2 April — At the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore Mr George Yeo, accompanied by senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, arrived here today.

The visiting minister and guests were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win, responsible officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador of Singapore to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua and staff of the Singapore Embassy in Yangon.

In the evening, the visiting Minister and party called on Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win at Sedona Hotel. Later in the evening, Minister U Nyan Win hosted a dinner in honour of Mr George Yeo and party at the hotel.

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**Mr George Yeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Republic of Singapore, on arrival at Yangon International Airport. — MNA**

## Minister inspects Bagan Palace construction work

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, accompanied by departmental officials, visited the project site for construction of Bagan Palace of King Anawrahta on 31 March.

Architect U Thaw

reported on construction work carried out in 2006-2007 and construction tasks to be carried out in 2007-2008, greening tasks and supply of water and electricity. Next, the minister inspected construction task and gave necessary

instructions to officials. Architect U Win Maung also reported on matters related to Myanmar traditional artistic works. Later, the minister inspected the construction project site and fulfilled the requirements.

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**Singaporean Foreign Minister Mr George Yeo calls on U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs. — MNA**

## Special criminal appeal cases adjudged

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (Yangon) U Thein Soe,

Supreme Court Judges U Khin Myint and U Han Shein sitting at Court No (1) of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) delivered Judgement of Four Special

Criminal Appeal cases and also heard Four Special Civil Appeal cases under section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000.

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**Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint visits construction site of Bagan Palace. — CULTURE**



**Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence accepts cash donated by wellwishers.— MNA**

**Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends 2nd cash...**

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the work committee presented reports on performances of the committee with audio-visual aid.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Col Tint Hsan of Local Battalion, Secretary U Hla Soe and officials accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors. Today's donations were K 40 million.—MNA

**20th ASEAN Small and Medium Enterprise Agencies Working Group Meeting opens**



**20th ASEAN Small and Medium Enterprise Agencies Working Group Meeting in progress.— MNA**

YANGON, 2 April — Under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Industry-2, the 20th ASEAN Small and Medium Enterprise Agencies Working Group Meeting took place at the Traders Hotel in Yangon this morning.

Present at the meeting were officials of the ministry, Mr Raul Cordenillo of ASEAN Secretariat, representatives of ASEAN nations and dialogue partners the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Myanmar

Industries Association. Director-General U Khin Maung of Directorate of Myanmar Industrial Planning and Mr Raul Cordenillo and Working Group Chairman

Mr Effandi Hj Salleh of Brunei Darussalam made speeches and the meeting was opened.

The meeting continues till 4 April. MNA

**Closing and opening courses of Diploma in N.S, Diploma in Mar.Tech held**



**Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe presents prize to an outstanding cadet.— MNA**

YANGON, 2 April — The closing of Diploma in Nautical Studies (CD-34) and Diploma in Maritime Technology (CE-32) were held in conjunction with the opening of Diploma in Nautical Studies (CD-35) and Diploma in Maritime Technology (CE-33), conducted by Institute of Marine Technology of the Ministry of Transport in the parade ground of IMT on Bayintnaung Street in Kamayut Township, with an address by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe who presented awards to outstanding cadets. Present on the occasion were directors-general and managing directors under the ministry, the rector of

Myanmar Maritime University, the principal of IMT, faculty members, guests, cadets and their families.

The parade companies took positions first and then the minister, cadets and those present saluted the State Flag.

Next, the minister presented Best Cadet Award (Nautical) to cadet Wai Phyo Nyunt No N-1442, Best Cadet Award (Engineering) to Cadet Soe Lin Phyo No E-1328, Literary Award (Nautical) to Cadet Myat Thet Naing No N-1453, Literary Award (Engineering) to Cadet Soe Lin Phyo No E-1328 and Outstanding Training Award (Parade)

to Cadet Sann Zin Win No E-1350.

Afterwards, the minister made a speech.

Next, a ceremony to present completion certificates of Diploma in Nautical Studies No (CD-34) and Diploma in Maritime Technology No (CE-32) followed at the mess of IMT.

After giving advice, principal U Win Thein of IMT presented awards to the outstanding nautical and engineering cadets.

Afterwards, the head of department (Nautical) presented completion certificates to nautical cadets and the head of department (Engineering) those to engineering cadets.

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**Soaps, electronic products promotion at Excel Shopping Mall**

YANGON, 1 April — Excel Shopping Mall

picked out lucky draw winners and launched promotion of Royal Gold Soap, Imperial Leather Soap and electronic products at the shopping mall here today.

Artistes picked out the lucky draw and

presented gifts to winners.

Later, a fashion show was also staged and soaps and electronic goods were introduced to the audience.

An official said Royal Gold soap prevents dryness of skin and makes it fair complexion. Royal Gold brand soap has six colours.

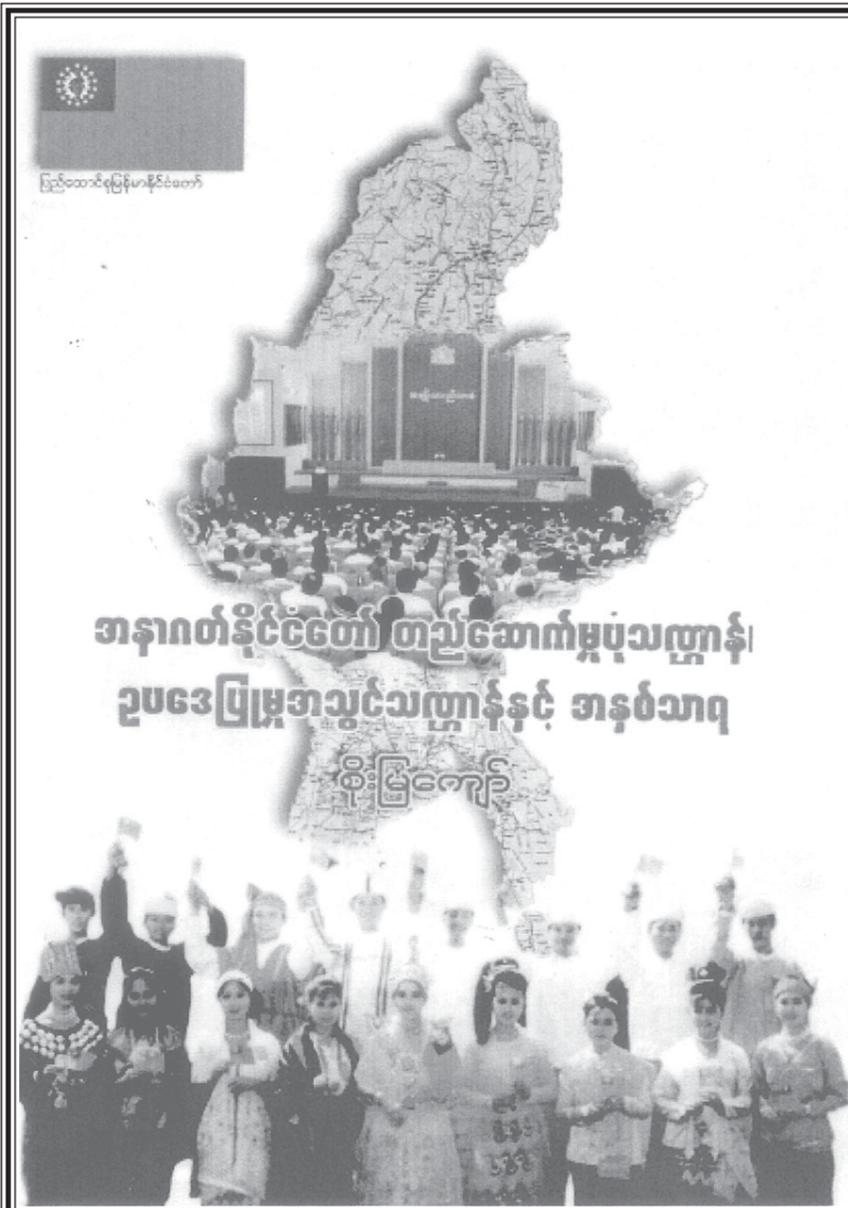
The various brands of electrical products are available at the shopping mall at reasonable prices, he said.

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**Sales promotion at Excel Shopping Mall.**

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**Britain expresses “continuing regret” over deaths in Falklands war**

LONDON, 2 April — The British Government on Sunday expressed “continuing regret” over the deaths on both sides in Falklands war in 1982.

Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett said in a statement, “2 April marks the 25th anniversary of the Argentine invasion of the Falklands. The resulting loss of life on both sides is a source of continuing regret.”

“The commemorative events this year, planned in the UK and on the Islands, will be a fitting and respectful tribute to all those who fought in the 1982 conflict,” said she.

“The UK remains keen to foster a constructive relationship with Argentina, and to promote practical cooperation both in the South Atlantic and on broader issues of international cooperation,” said Beckett.

Britain would host a joint commemorative event in London in the first part of 2007 in the spirit of reconciliation, and with a genuine desire to recognize

the loss of life on both sides, said she.

Beckett said the families of Argentine servicemen killed in the

Falklands are to be given the chance to see where their loved ones fell later this year.

MNA/Xinhua

**Azerbaijan not to allow its territory to be used to hurt neighbours**

Moscow, 2 April — Azeri Defence Ministry said on Sunday that Azerbaijan has no plans to make its territory available to other countries for the purpose of opposing its neighbours, the Interfax news agency reported.

“Azerbaijan, as a member of the anti-terrorist coalition, allows to use its airspace for the purpose of conducting anti-terror operations in Afghanistan,” the ministry said in a statement.

“But it must note that Azerbaijan will not create opportunities or conditions allowing foreign countries to use its territory against neighbouring countries,” the ministry added.

The ministry made the statement after US Deputy Assistant Sec-

retary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Matthew Bryza said in Tbilisi on 30 March that the United States hoped to secure the use of airfields in Azerbaijan for military purposes.

The head of the US Missile Defence Agency said last month that Washington could be interested in locating a radar in an unspecified Caucasus state as part of the Missile Defence System it plans to deploy in Central Europe.

MNA/Xinhua

**Panama Co says brews world’s biggest cup of coffee**

PANAMA CITY, 2 April — Panama’s top coffee producer said it believes it has set a new record for the world’s biggest cup of coffee, after brewing 750 gallons (2,840 litres) in a giant mug on Sunday.

Producer Cafe Duran used 300 pounds (136 Kilos) of arabica coffee to brew a cup measuring 3 yards (2.75 metres) by 1.6 yards (1.5 metres) over four hours.

“We are really thrilled with this, Panama has done it!” Ricardo Duran, director-owner of the company, said to loud applause, fireworks and live

tropical music.

The company will submit its record-breaking attempt to officials at Guinness Book of World Records this month. The previous Guinness record was held by the United States for brewing 660 gallons (2,500 litres) in New York in 1994.

MNA/Reuters



Workers stir 750 gallons of coffee in an oversized coffee mug in Panama City, on Sunday, 1 April, 2007. A Panamanian coffee company broke the Guinness World Record for the largest cup of coffee. The last record was set in New York in 2004 with 660.5 gallons. — INTERNET

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**Kazakhstan  
names ancient  
emblem as money  
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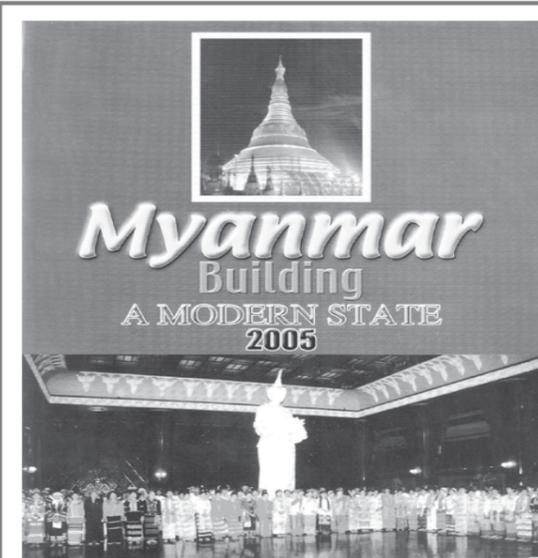
ALMATY, 1 April—Kazakhstan has picked an ancient Turkic emblem symbolizing heaven as the official symbol of the national tenge currency, the central bank said on Friday.

The symbol—the letter "T" with a line over it—stands for the first letter of the word "tengri", a god of heaven or sky in ancient Turkic mythology, the bank said in a statement.

Kazakhstan is a Turkic-speaking Central Asian nation which introduced the tenge after it became independent from the Soviet Union.

MNA/Reuters

**Four one-week-old wolf  
cubs are displayed in  
the St Petersburg Zoo,  
Russia, on 1 April,  
2007. Wolf cubs need  
the company of their  
own species and may  
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**“Transplant tour” to developing nations on rise**



**As the human organs supplies are less than the demands, transplant tour to the developing nations is on the rise, where organs can be bought, the World Health Organization (WHO) said. —INTERNET**

BEIJING, 2 April—As the human organs supplies are less than the demands, transplant tour to the developing nations is on the rise, where organs can be bought, the World Health Organization (WHO) said.

The United Nations agency said Friday it is concerned about a rise in cases where people in the developing countries were persuaded to sell their body parts to outsiders, mostly through a broker.

The practice has increased over the past decade, said Luc Noel of the agency's health technology and

pharmaceuticals unit. "We believe 5 to 10 percent of all kidneys transplanted were in 2005 transplanted in this setting," he told a news conference in Geneva, home to the WHO's headquarters.

The WHO held a meeting of experts from around the world last week to discuss how to reduce organ buying and encouraged countries to use the organs of the deceased rather than letting wealthier citizens buy them in developing countries.

In Pakistan, 40 percent to 50 percent of the residents of some villages have only one kidney because they have sold the other for a transplant into a wealthy person, probably from another country, said Dr Farhat Moazam of Pakistan, one of the participants in the meeting.

Moazam said Pakistani donors are offered 2,500 US dollars for a kidney but receive only about half of that because middlemen take so much.

In Western countries, package deals are advertised on the Internet ranging from 12,000 dollars to 20,000 dollars to receive a kidney and seven days of hospitalization in a transplant country, Moazam said.

"It would be far more expensive to have it done in North America," she said.

Luc Noel added that of the total number of kidneys transplanted in 2005, about 6,000 involved either the donor or the recipient traveling, usually to avoid legal problems in their country.—Internet

**Belgians to take command of int'l forces at Kabul Airport**

BRUSSELS, 1 April —Belgium has agreed to take command of NATO operations at the Kabul International Airport in Afghanistan for at least six months, Belgian public broadcaster VRT reported on Saturday. Forty extra Belgian military personnel will be sent to the Afghan capital to take on key functions in the military command structure of the airport between 7 October this year and 7 April next year.

Besides being in charge of the protection of the airport, the Belgian troops will also help the Afghan authorities with the day-to-day running of the airport.

Belgian Defence Minister Andre Flahaut told journalists on Friday that the operation at the Kabul Airport is vital to ensuring the deployment of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and the supplies to the UN-mandated mission.

Flahaut plans to visit the Belgian troops currently stationed in Afghanistan on 4-5 April.

Belgium has around 300 troops deployed in the country, who are mostly stationed in Kabul. Around 20 soldiers are helping the German Army with reconstruction work in northern Afghanistan. — MNA/Xinhua

**Russia ready to host joint missile shield source**

Moscow, 1 April — Russia could host a joint missile defence shield on its own soil if the United States rethinks plans for a system on Russia's borders, a senior Russian Foreign Ministry source said on Friday. US President George W Bush telephoned Vladimir Putin this week to offer consultations on his plan to base a radar station in the Czech Republic and a missile battery in Poland.

Washington says the system is needed as defence from "rogue states" like North Korea and Iran. Russia rejects that argument and says the

shield threatens its security.

The source said he hoped the consultations would eventually lead to Washington switching to a collective defence system, involving Russia.

"It is not just consultations," the ministry source said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "For a start we need to agree on what threats exist. We need to have a common analysis of the threat." If we agree that it is real then we are ready to jointly take part in a missile defence system with the participation of Europe and the United States.

MNA/Reuters

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### Fighter-controlled jet is tested

LONDON, 2 April—The defence technology spin out company Qinetiq has successfully completed the world's first flight of a plane remotely controlled by a fighter aircraft.



A specially-converted Tornado was used in the test. — INTERNET

The trial flight, carried out at Boscombe Down airfield in Wiltshire, is part of a programme to develop a system that would enable a single pilot to control a number of unmanned aircraft by remote control. The US Air Force routinely uses unpiloted aircraft for search and destroy missions. These planes are controlled remotely from a missions operations centre.

The advantage is that these planes can be sent into dangerous areas without risking a pilot's life. The supposed downside is that the controllers are remote from the battle area and so may not be able to respond

to rapidly changing situations.

That is why the RAF is testing a converted Tornado whose pilot is able to control four unmanned craft from the cockpit.

In the system's first big test the Tornado pilot flew a passenger jet — a BAC-111 — and three computer simulated craft while airborne. In the exercise, Squadron Leader Andy Blythe successfully used his unmanned aircraft to search out an enemy target and destroy it.

According to Squadron Leader Richard Wells, a member of the RAF's Future Combat Air Capability team: "Militarily speaking not only does it allow the pilot to remain in a safe area — but it allows him to operate his team of unmanned aircraft and allow him to carry out the elements of the mission he wants to undertake." But some independent commentators, such as Rohit Jaggi, aviation columnist for the Financial Times believe that in the heat of battle pilots would be swamped with information and unable to engage in combat and control their robot planes.—Internet

### Magnolias face 'perilous future'

LONDON, 2 April—The spectacular bloom of a magnolia may be a very common sight in gardens but in the wild, it is a different story.

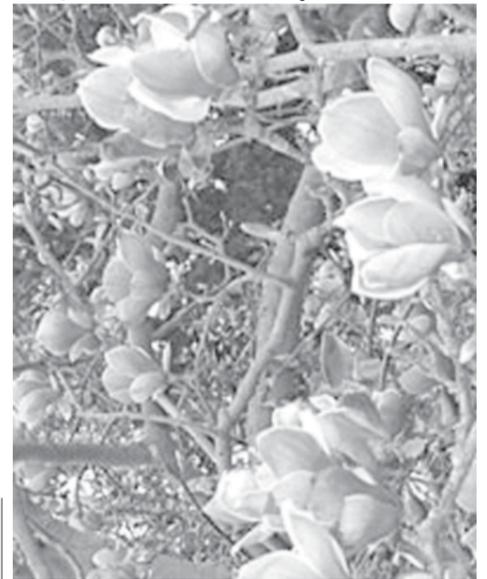
A new report has found that over half the world's magnolia species are facing extinction in their forest habitats. The Red List of the Magnoliaceae is published jointly by Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) and Fauna and Flora International (FFI).

Threats to their existence include the destruction of habitat to make way for agriculture, and over-exploitation. "There is a strong chance that these species will become extinct unless we take action now," said Sara Oldfield from BGCI.

"That would be a tragedy because they're so important in local livelihoods and also we would be losing some beautiful trees for ever," she told BBC News.

The Red List identifies 131 wild magnolias as being in danger of extinction, from a global total of 245 species. Magnolias are among the most ancient groups of flowering plants and have long been cultivated by mankind.

Some specimens growing in the precincts of Chinese temples are estimated to be up to 800 years old.



Magnolias are beautiful and useful.

Some two-thirds of known magnolia species are found in Asia, with over 40% occurring in southern China.

According to the report, half of all wild Chinese magnolias are at risk of extinction.

In the Americas, north and south, where magnolias are also found in the wild, a similar picture is emerging.

In Colombia, for example, the report concludes that the threat of extinction hangs over 30 of its native species.—Internet

### Rain in Argentina leaves five killed, 60,000 evacuated

BUENOS AIRES, 1 April — Argentina has been hit by one of the worst storms in history, which has left at least five dead, an unknown number of people missing and 60,000 more displaced, said civilian defence officials on Friday.

The central provinces of Buenos Aires, Santa Fe and Entre Rios were the hardest hit region by the continuous rainfall and winds since Sunday.

Many houses were destroyed and the displaced have been transferred to shelters. The sanitary problems of the evacuated are now under control, said Health Minister Gines Gonzalez Garcia.

The National Weather Service said the rainfall and wind will continue until at least Friday.

MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a wedding dress by British designer Vivienne Westwood during Russian Fashion Week in Moscow, on 1 April, 2007. INTERNET

### Two bodies found after colliery accident in S-W China

GUIYANG, 1 April — Rescuers on Friday recovered the bodies of two miners from a coal mine accident in south-west China where 10 workers were trapped when a shaft collapsed on Tuesday.

One body was found in the morning and the other in the afternoon, said a spokesman for the Guizhou Provincial Administration of Work Safety.

Rescue efforts had been delayed due to the high density of gas beneath the ground and the obstruction of the collapsed shaft, the spokesman said.

The operation to clear the tunnel and the search for the other eight miners were continuing after the gas density returned normal, he said.

An explosion occurred at 2:38 am Tuesday in

the Wangjiazhai Coal Mine, owned by Guizhou Shuicheng Mining Group Co in Liupanshui, Guizhou.

The spokesman said that 220 miners were working underground when the accident occurred, and 210 were evacuated safely.

The state-run Wangjiazhai pit has an annual production capacity of three million tons. The Pingdong shaft, where the accident occurred, can produce 1.5 million tons of coal a year.

MNA/Xinhua



A rescue boat approaches people during a Russian Emergencies Ministry evacuation exercise in Yenisey River, in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk, on 31 March, 2007. INTERNET

## Donate Blood

# SPORTS

## Keane penalty puts Tottenham sixth

LONDON, 2 April — A Robbie Keane penalty gave Tottenham Hotspur a 1-0 victory over Reading on Sunday to move the London club up to sixth in the Premier League. The Irishman's 39th-minute spot kick, awarded for a harsh handball decision against Reading defender Greg Halford, secured a fifth successive league victory for Tottenham who face Sevilla in the UEFA Cup quarterfinals on Thursday.

The home side were made to sweat all the way to the end after missing a stack of chances while Marcus Hahnemann and his halftime substitute Adam Federici made a string of fine saves in goal for Reading.

Steed Malbranque hit the post in a bright start for Tottenham and substitute Jermain Defoe had a late effort ruled out for offside, while the closest Reading came was a header from Leroy Lita that rebounded off the post.

"We should have scored three or four goals...I thought it might be one of those days," Tottenham manager Martin Jol, whose side's 31 Premier League matches this season have produced 88 goals, told the BBC. With fifth and sixth places guaranteeing UEFA Cup football next season, Tottenham have a two-point cushion over seventh-placed Everton who play at struggling Aston Villa on Monday. Reading stay in eighth place. — MNA/Reuters



*Real Madrid's Ruud Van Nistelrooy of the Netherlands, tries to get past Celta de Vigo's goalkeeper Jose Manuel Pinto during a Spanish league soccer match at the Balaidos stadium in Vigo, Spain, on 1 April, 2007. — INTERNET*

## Ajax beat Heracles 3-0 to close in on leaders PSV

AMSTERDAM, 2 April — Klaas Jan Huntelaar struck twice in three minutes to earn Ajax Amsterdam a 3-0 home win over lowly Heracles Almelo in the Dutch league on Sunday.

Wesley Sneijder curled a free kick around the wall to open the scoring after 10

minutes before Huntelaar added his 18th and 19th goals of the season.

With four matches remaining, PSV Eindhoven, held to a 1-1 draw at NAC Breda on Saturday, are top with 68 points, three more than Ajax and five above AZ Alkmaar, who beat RKC Waalwijk 2-0 on Saturday.

Twente Enschede are fourth with 61 points following a 3-0 home win against Utrecht on Sunday which came despite a first-half red card for Sharbel Touma. Ramon Zomer opened the scoring for Twente after nine minutes and 15 minutes later Ismail Aissati set up Blaise N'Koufo to double the lead. In injury time Kennedy Bakircioglu sealed the victory.

Pierre van Hooijdonk proved crucial for fifth-place Feyenoord at Vitesse Arnhem when he scored 11 minutes before time for Feyenoord's first win outside Rotterdam in five months.

Heerenveen, sixth with 48 points, dropped two points at Sparta Rotterdam despite leading 2-0 at halftime with goals from Petter Hansson and Gonzalo. — MNA/Reuters

## Zigic hat-trick earns Racing 5-4 win over Bilbao

MADRID, 2 April — Racing Santander's chances of making it into Europe next season were boosted as striker Nikola Zigic scored a hat-trick to earn a dramatic 5-4 home win over Athletic Bilbao in the Primera Liga on Sunday.

Bilbao twice took the lead before Racing appeared to stamp their authority on the game to move 4-2 ahead in the second half.

The Basque side scrambled their way back to level at 4-4 with six minutes remaining, but Pedro Munitis threaded a ball through for Serbia striker Zigic to seal the win, two minutes from time.

Racing climbed to seventh on 43 points, one behind sixth-placed Atletico Madrid who could only draw 1-1 at home with Real Mallorca.

Real Zaragoza missed out on the chance to move into the Champions League places when they let slip a two-goal lead away at Getafe to draw 2-2. They are fifth with 47 points.

On Saturday, Barcelona opened up a three-point lead at the top with a 2-1 home win over Deportivo Coruna. — MNA/Reuters



*Team members of Samoa celebrate after beating Fiji in the Cup final of the Hong Kong Sevens rugby tournament in Hong Kong on 1 April, 2007. INTERNET*



*Australia's Libby Lenton smiles with her gold medal during a medal ceremony for the women's 50m Freestyle final at the World Swimming Championships in Melbourne, on 1 April, 2007. — INTERNET*

## Porto stay one point ahead with 1-1 draw at Benfica

LISBON, 2 April — Porto clung to their lead in the Portuguese Premier League despite conceding a late own-goal by Lucho Gonzalez to draw 1-1 at Benfica on Sunday. A crowd of 62,756, a record in the Portuguese league, watched the game at Benfica's Luz Stadium in Lisbon.

With seven matches remaining, Porto have 53 points followed by Benfica one point behind. Third placed Sporting, who host struggling Beira Mar on Monday, are third on 46. Porto dominated the first half and went ahead four minutes from the break when defender Pepe headed in a free kick from the left by Ricardo Quaresma. — MNA/Reuters

## Late goal gives Steaua 3-2 win in Bucharest derby

BUCHAREST, 2 April — Teenage substitute striker Razvan Ochirosii scored five minutes from time to give Steaua Bucharest a 3-2 win at city rivals Rapid on Sunday.

It was Rapid's first home defeat in two years.

Steaua remain third with 47 points, while Rapid are three points behind in fourth. Dinamo Bucharest are top with 59 points after their goalless draw against Vaslui on Saturday. CFR Cluj, who beat 2-1 Politehnica Timisoara, are second on 49.

Rapid had levelled twice before Steaua striker Valentin Badea's swift counter-attack put 18-year-old Ochirosii in an excellent position to score the winner from close range.

MNA/Reuters



*Japan's Ai Miyazato watches her approach shot on the 18th hole at the LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship golf tournament in Rancho Mirage, California on 31 March, 2007. — INTERNET*

## Late birdie helps Pressel make major history

RANCHO MIRAGE (California), 2 April — American teenager Morgan Pressel birdied the last hole in a final round three-under 69 to become the youngest winner of a women's major at the Kraft Nabisco Championship on Sunday.

The 18-year-old from Florida holed a 30-footer at the par-five 18th to complete a bogey-free round for a three under par 285 total that no one else could match.

On a day when a number of players had chances to win the tournament, Suzann Pettersen, Catriona Matthew and Brittany Lincicome shared second place on two-under 286 with Texan amateur Stacy Lewis in a four-way tie for fifth on one under.

At one stage Pettersen had a three shot lead, but saw her chance of becoming the first Norwegian to claim a major disappear with a bogey, double-bogey, bogey run from the 15th.

She drove into the trees at the 15th and 16th and missed the green at the short 17th and ended up with 74.

Matthew also stood on the last green with a chance to go to four under. But she three-putted from 30-feet -- the second form around five feet -- for a bogey and a 71.

Lincicome parred the last for a 72, but Pressel held her nerve to fulfil the promise she showed when qualifying for the 2001 US Women's Open as a 12-year-old.

The South Korean's dream of a sixth major and a career Grand Slam slipped away with a back nine of 41 in a 77. — MNA/Reuters

# Super-bug kills 17 at single hospital

LONDON, 2 April — Seventeen patients at a British hospital have died in the past four months after contracting a super-bug, the hospital said on Saturday.

The James Paget University Hospital in Norfolk said the patients, most of them elderly, had “experienced complications” after contracting Clostridium Difficile (C diff), which had “contributed” to their deaths between 1 December, 2006 and Wednesday.

Dr Alistair Lipp, director of public health at Great Yarmouth and Waveney Primary Care Trust, said the Health Protection Agency was being drafted in amid the outbreak.

A further 16 patients have been treated for the deadly bug at the hospital, which has been hit with a new and “particularly virulent” strain called O27.

Five have undergone major bowel surgery, while a further 11 currently have some form of the disease and are being treated.

Hospital bosses said

they became “increasingly concerned” about a rise in the number of cases in December last year, and

said the outbreak was now “causing major concern”.

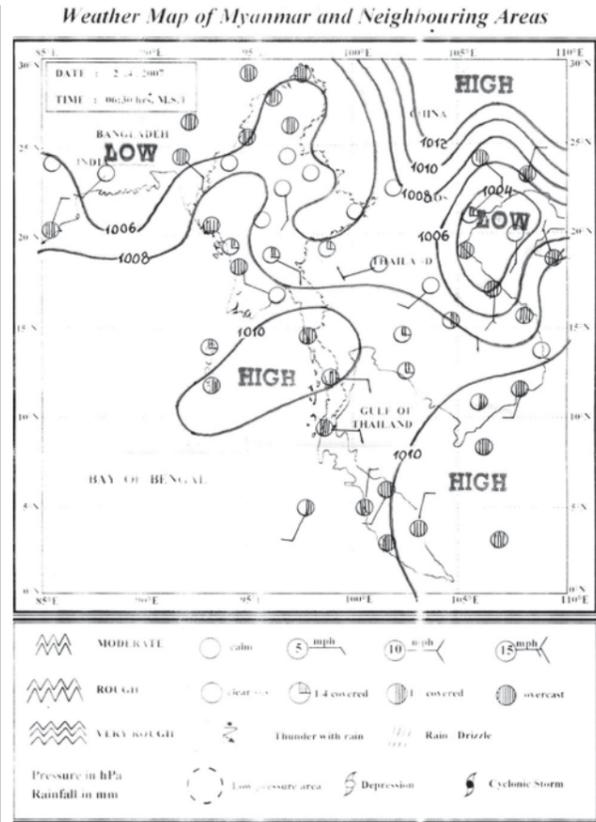
Eight new cases of C diff are being diagnosed at

the hospital per week, compared to a usual average at Britain’s hospitals of five.

MNA/Reuters



Skaters from Team Hungary practise for The World Synchronized Skating Championships in London, Ontario on 29 March, 2007. The Championships open on Friday in London. — INTERNET



## WEATHER

Monday, 2 April, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Chin State, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (45°C), Magway (44°C), Nay Pyi Taw, Pyaw, Chauk and Pinyinana (42°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 1- 4 -2007 was 104°F. Minimum temperature on 2- 4 -2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 2- 4 -2007 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 1- 4 -2007 was (10.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2- 4 -2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (16:40) hours MST on 1-4 -2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 3- 4-2007:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 3-4-2007:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 3-4-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 3-4-2007:** Fair weather.

### Earthquake report

(Issued at 07:30 hours MST Today)

An earthquake of very strong intensity (8.0) Richter Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar (Solomon Islands) about (4,500) miles Southeast of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (03) hrs (20)min (43) sec MST on 2nd April 2007.

### “Strong Wind Warning”

(Issued at 10:00 am, on 2nd April, 2007)

During the hot dry season, beginning from now to May, as day temperatures rise markedly all over the country, towering clouds are expected to form during the period from mid April to mid May and strong winds are likely at times in the afternoon/ evening over most of the area. Surface wind speeds may reach (40) to (50) mph and it may also be accompanied by isolated heavy rain and hails in some places.

### U Khin Aung Hla (Michael Soe Mung) 78 years

(Retired officer, Myanmar Air Force)

Son of (U Chon and Daw Aye Kyi) of Mandalay; brother of (U Ko Gyi-Daw Mya Thein); son-in-law of (U Thein Pe-Daw Nu) of Yangon; husband of Daw Hla Than (Retired)(Myanmar Air Force) residing at No 148-W A-1 Compound Road, 9th Mile; father of Daw Htay Htay Win (France Embassy)-U Maung Maung Tun Shwe, Daw Aye Aye Kyi (USA) and U Kyaw Kyaw Min-Daw Khin Thandar Lwin; grandfather of Maung Thaug Myint and Maung Aung Khant; Aphu of Mu Mu Gyi and Mu Mu Lay passed away at 9.05 am on 1-4-2007. The remains will be cremated at Yayway cemetery on 3-4-2007 at 1 pm. Cars will leave the house at 12 noon.

Bereaved family



Tuesday, 3 April  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:  
-Do you know what I mean  
... Oasis
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:  
-Walking on the sun ... Smash Mouth
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:  
-Local boy in the photograph  
... Stereophonias
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:  
-Closing time  
... Samsonic
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:  
-Till the end of time ... Mariah Carey  
-Ruby don't take your love to tour ... Kenna Rodgers  
-I will follow you ... Modern Talking
- 9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level (II) Unit (25)
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30 pm Music at your listening pleasure  
-Something love just ain't enough ... Paula Smyth & Don Henlay  
-To love somebody ... Michael Bolton  
-I see your smile ... Gloria Estenfar
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Tuesday, 3 April  
View on today

- 7:00 am  
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am  
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am  
3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am  
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am  
5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am  
6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:00 am  
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am  
8. Song of yesteryears
- 8:20 am  
9. ခါသကြိမ် အဆိုအကများ
- 8:30 am  
10. International news
- 8:45 am  
11. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm  
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm  
4. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရှုကွဲဇေးအထူးပြု) (ရှုကွဲဇေး)
- 5:00 pm  
5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm  
6. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်
- 5:25 pm  
7. “စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းကွာ” (လူကူးမျှင်းကျားမှူးမယ်)
- 5:35 pm  
8. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:00 pm  
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm  
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm  
11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရိုရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:50 pm  
12. ခါသကြိမ် အဆိုအကများ
- 7:05 pm  
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သစ္စာ ဘဝပင်ခြားသော်လည်း” (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 8:00 pm  
14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်” (အပိုင်း-၃၅) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
- 18. The next day's programme

# Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects development undertakings of Htokawko region in Kayin State



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence inspects construction of Htokawko Post-Primary School.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence inspected development undertakings of Htokawko region in Kayin State on 30 March.

Accompanied by Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Lt-Gen Maung Bo arrived at Nabu, and was welcomed by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Zaw Min, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu and officials.

Col Khin Kyu explained progress in building of houses in the region, gravelling and tarring of Nabu-

Htokawko road, construction of Daweida bridge, land reclamation, perennial crop plantation, building of a primary school and plans to build dams and hydropower plants. The deputy commander also gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the ministries should undertake their assigned tasks according to schedule, and should implement Nabu Creek Dam and Pata Creek Dam Projects.

He then inspected Nabu-Htokawko road and Daweida bridge on it and a post-primary school, and cordially met with local people. The 120-ft by 30-ft brick school should be completed before the start of the coming academic year, said Lt-Gen Maung Bo. Youths should be trained to become intellectuals on whom the nation can rely, he added.

On arrival at Htokawko, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party were welcomed by the regional national race leader U Htay Maung and party. Lt-Gen Maung Bo observed the housing project and Winthuza Shop, and provided poultry for the native people.

Officials explained the task of building 100 houses that will be completed in April, land reclamation for farming, rice cultivation, and perennial crops

plantation. Lt-Gen Maung Bo stressed the need to make efforts for the early completion of the housing project, to extend sown acreage in the interest of the national races, to provide assistance to the natives and to develop the region.

National race leader U Htay Maung explained the developments the region is enjoying thanks to the goodwill of the government, and requirements. Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented gifts to U Htay Maung and family, U Htaw Lay and others.

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## SIGNIFICANT DAY TEMPERATURES

Minbu	(45°C)
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Pyay	(42°C)
Chauk	(42°C)
Pyinmana	(42°C)

## INSIDE

It is required to establish libraries throughout the country. As moral lessons lie in the books, people should cultivate a good habit of reading to improve their wisdom. It is unforgettable that in the colonial period, the majority of Myanmar people were not literate with a low social standard. At present, however, some persons are still dancing to the tune of external elements, and standing as yesmen. Such persons are likely to lose the abilities of serving the interests of human society. Literacy can make rude people polite, and push those with wrong beliefs and concepts on the correct path.

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# Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends 2nd cash donation ceremony for all-round renovation of Danoat Pagoda

YANGON, 1 April — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the 2nd cash donation ceremony for all-round renovation of Danoat Pagoda, Dalla Township, Yangon South District at Dhamma Rathkita Dhammayon in Dagon Township this afternoon and accepted the donations.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Secretary of Yangon Division PDC U Hla Soe, the chairman of Yangon South District PDC and members, officials of the work committee for all-round renovation of the pagoda and sub-committees, guests and donors.

First, the ceremony was opened with recitation of *Namo Tassa* three times. Next, Secretary U Zaw Win of

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