

**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

**World Health Day observed in Nay Pyi Taw**

**Government determined to combat dangerous diseases until they are eradicated from Myanma soil**  
**Priority given to full provision of health care services to all the people**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April — A ceremony to mark the World Health Day, jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and WHO, was held at the hall of the Ministry of Health, here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, the minis-

ters, the deputy ministers, members of NHC, the director-general of SPDC Office, departmental heads, WHO Resident Representative Professor Adik Wibowo, resident representatives of UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA / JOICEP, UNAIDS and UNOPS, departmental officials under the ministry, representatives of social organizations and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that the World Health Day was designated on the 7th

April yearly when the World Health Organization was established, and the commemorative activities have been held yearly. The WHO chose the mottoes annually to enable global countries to notice the spread of diseases and management problems in the world and to place emphasis on solving these problems. This year's motto for the World Health Day is: "Invest health, build a safer future". In this regard, it is necessary to make concerted efforts for solving health problems



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses a ceremony to mark World Health Day for 2007.—MNA



and preventing diseases through national strengths in the long-term interest of the nation.

The government is giving priority to full provision of health care services to all the people. In doing so, the government had laid down and is implementing the 30-year long-term national health programme in accord with one of the social objectives—Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation.

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 8 April, 2007

## Grow rubber extensively

Rubber plays an important role in local industries and earning foreign exchange.

Myanmar has grown rubber since 1876. In 1962-63, its rubber growing area stood at more than 180,000 acres. Since 1988, rubber acreage has been on the increase.

In 1997-1998, Myanmar put more than 300,000 acres under rubber. And the rubber growing acreage increased to more than 500,000 in 2005-2006.

Rubber grows well not only in plain regions but also in hilly regions and valleys, and on hill slopes. In the past, rubber was grown most in Taninthayi Division and Mon State. Now, test growing of rubber has shown success in Kachin State, Shan State (North), Shan State (East), Rakhine State and Sagaing Division.

Myanmar has prospects for success in growing rubber across the country. So, growing rubber on a commercial scale will raise the social-economic life of local people and help the nation earn more foreign exchange.

Now Myanmar is growing rubber extensively, using high-yield strains of rubber and applying systematic methods in tapping latex, thereby boosting rubber production.

It is pursuing the target of growing nearly 200,000 acres of rubber for 2006-2007. When it meets the target, the rubber acreage will reach over 700,000 acres. In particular, it is using high-yield strains of rubber suitable for the region concerned. With advancements in technical field, rubber is now used widely in producing car tyre, machine tools, electrical apparatus, personal goods, hospital equipment and shoe industry.

Now the use of rubber is on the increase due to industrial development. Therefore farmers should grow rubber extensively throughout the nation in the national interest and their own.

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## 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



Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and guests visit products fair 2007 of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association being held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road on 6 April.—MWEA (News Reported)

## Basic summer hockey training course concludes

YANGON, 7 April —The basic summer hockey training course concluded in conjunction with the prize presentation for the international hockey technique skills qualifying contest at Theinbyu Hockey Pitch, here, yesterday.

Vice-President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Kyaw Naing presented the first prize to Bahan BEHS No 2 team in the qualifying contest, General Secretary U Khin Maung Latt, the second prize to Hlegu BEHS and Chairperson Daw Swe Zin Htaik of Women's Hockey Committee, the third prize to Indaing BEHS.

To turn out new generation Hockey players, the Advanced Summer Hockey Course will be opened soon. Myanmar Hockey Federation will pick out U-15 and U-17 youth Hockey players from Cobra Hockey Club, MMM Hockey Club, Milano Hockey Club, Just Fishon Hockey Club, Ngapali Hockey Club, Yamonna Hockey Club and Tong Tah Hockey Club and provide training to them for taking part in the local competitions.



**General Secretary U Khin Maung Latt of MHF presents prize to the team of Basic Education High School of Hlegu Township.**  
MHF

Under the arrangements of International Hockey Federation and effort of MHF, international class-1 Hockey Coach Mr KM Aweise will conduct basic Hockey course to instructors of command/LID Hockey teams and schools in Yangon from 10 to 20 May.

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POEM :

### The Myanmar

- \* The Myanmar Is courteous, cool headed
- \* The Myanmar Is helpful, in good faith
- \* The Myanmar Is noble of act
- \* The Myanmar Is humble of thought
- \* The Myanmar Abides by clean motive
- \* The Myanmar Gives kindly of humanitarian
- \* The Myanmar Is fragrant of kin, brave crimson red
- \* Myanmar's prowess, overwhelms with love Firm of mind, noble of desire With sweet words kept No wrong doing, sticking to right With heart of gold cast as nobility Distinctly clear is the domain.

Ye Natha Maung Kyaw Nyunt (Trs)

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Chinese Premier eyes early FTA deal with ROK

BEIJING, 7 April — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Thursday said he expected China and the Republic of Korea (ROK) to speed up study of a China-ROK Free Trade Area (FTA).

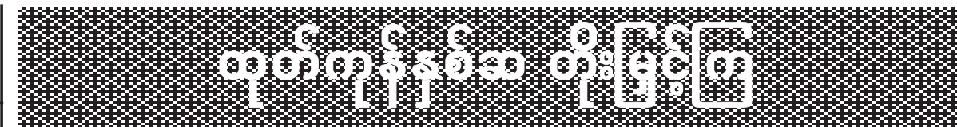
“China and the ROK should come up with a win-win FTA proposal at an early date so as to pave the way for the FTA,” Wen said in a joint interview with journalists from 19 ROK news organizations.

The interview came ahead of Wen’s ROK trip scheduled for April 10-11, the first by a Chinese Premier in eight years.

China appreciated the fact that the ROK recognized China as a full market economy, Wen said.

China-ROK trade volume has increased by 26 times since the two countries forged diplomatic ties in 1992, to 130 billion dollars in 2006.

“The close trade ties between China and the ROK are based on the principles of equality, mutual benefit and complementarity,” Wen said. — MNA/Xinhua



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao gives an interview to 19 ROK news organizations in Beijing prior to his upcoming visit to ROK, on 5 April, 2007. — XINHUA

## Andaman tsunami warning system tests begin Saturday

PHUKET, 6 April — Tests on a comprehensive tsunami warning system, focusing on the signal receiving towers in six southern provinces along Thailand’s Andaman coast begin Saturday, more than two years

after the region was devastated by a deadly twin tsunami.

More than 5,000 people perished in the December 26 ‘Boxing Day’ calamity,

both Thais and foreigners, and some 11,000 others were physically injured and psychologically affected, a senior official said.

Arun Kerdson, chief of Phuket’s Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, said tests on a comprehensive tsunami warning system, with signal towers in Krabi, Phuket, Phangnga, Ranong, Trang and Satun provinces, will begin at 9 am Saturday and be conducted daily for several days.

The tests will emit microphone ‘sting’ or tapping sounds only and are intended to ensure that the warning system will be

ready to operate in the event of a real disaster, Mr. Arun said.

Tourists visiting the six resort provinces should not panic when hearing the alarms, but should pay attention nonetheless.

Mr Arun said the tsunami warning system in Phuket is now ready as tests without emitting noise were conducted everyday while relief officials also received a daily training.

Major tests at those six provinces will be sponsored by the National Disaster Warning Centre and are expected to be held this July, he added.

Internet

## Billions face climate change risk

LONDON, 6 April — Billions of people face shortages of food and water and increased risk of flooding, experts at a major climate change conference have warned.

The bleak conclusion came ahead of the publication of a key report by hundreds of international environmental experts.

Agreement on the final wording of the report was reached after a marathon debate through the night in Brussels.

People living in poverty would be worst af-

ected by the effects of climate change, the gathered experts said.

“It’s the poorest of the poor in the world, and this includes poor people even in prosperous societies, who are going to be the worst hit,” said Rajendra Pachauri, chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Mr Pachauri said those people were also the least equipped to deal with the effects of such changes.

Internet



Boys look at a giant Easter egg on display in a Berlin mall on 6 April, 2007. For most European countries painted eggs and rabbits are symbols of Easter. — INTERNET

## Australian Govt lists HIV/AIDS as priority for Asia Pacific region

SYDNEY, 7 April — On World Health Day the Federal Government has made combating the threat of HIV/AIDS in the region its priority.

About 8.6 million people in the Asia Pacific region are living with HIV/AIDS, and that is expected to reach 20 million over the next three

years.

Parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Greg Hunt says the Government has already made a big difference in Papua New Guinea.

“Twenty years ago Papua New Guinea had the same rate of HIV as much of southern Africa,” he said.

“We put in place a comprehensive plan and whilst southern Africa has collapsed in terms of its HIV/AIDS figures — it’s still too high, in PNG, it’s about 2 per cent of the adult population but it could easily have tracked along the same line as southern Africa.” — Internet



Survivors of the capsized Greek cruise ship “Sea Diamond” disembark from the cruise ship ‘Perla’ in Pireaus port near Athens on 6 April, 2007. Perla carried about 800 survivors from the ‘Sea Diamond’ but authorities said two French passengers — a 45 year-old man and his 16-year-old daughter — had still not been accounted for, and lists of rescued passengers were being rechecked. — INTERNET

## Eight Pakistani children crushed in cart accident

ISLAMABAD, 6 April — A tractor crashed into a donkey cart which then smashed into the wall of a Pakistani school on Thursday, bringing it down and killing eight children, police said.

About 50 children were in the village primary school in the eastern province of Punjab when the accident happened. About 18 children were hurt.

“The donkey-cart rammed into the wall after being hit by a tractor,” police official Shaukat Mohammad Joya said by telephone. Six children were killed on the spot and two died later, he said. The drivers of both the tractor and the donkey-cart were being questioned. The donkey survived the accident, Joya said.

MNA/Reuters



Members of the South Korean honour guard perform a bayonet exercise during a weekly honour guard performance for the public at the War Memorial of Korea in Seoul on 6 April, 2007.— INTERNET

### Rare striped rabbit spotted in Indonesia rainforest

JAKARTA, 6 April — One of the world's rarest rabbits has been captured on camera in Indonesia's rainforests for only the third time ever, a leading conservation group said on Thursday.

The Sumatran striped rabbit — a little over a foot long and chalk coloured with dark brown stripes — is critically

endangered and was last photographed in the Bukit Barisan Park in 2000, the World Conservation Society (WCF) said in a statement.

A programme manager at WCF's Indonesian office, Nick Brickle, said the rabbit was photographed in a forest in South Sumatra at the end of January.

"It is a nocturnal animal. Other than that, we do not know more about it," Brickle told Reuters, describing it as about 30 centimetres (12 inches) long and similar in size to a small cat.

"They live in forests, up in the mountains. What you need to protect the rabbit is protect the forest." — MNA/Reuters

## Four British, eight US troops, 38 Iraqis are slain in Iraq

### Another American helicopter goes down

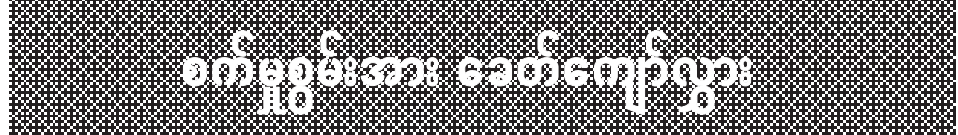
BAGHDAD, 6 April — Four British soldiers and a civilian interpreter were killed in an ambush Thursday and the US military announced the deaths of eight soldiers in an unusually bloody 48

hours for Western forces in Iraq.

At least 38 Iraqis also were found slain Thursday in bombings, shellings, gunfire and execution-style killings. They included two television

journalists and a 3-year-old boy felled by a sniper's bullet as he sat in his grandfather's lap, police said. A US helicopter, meanwhile, went down south of Baghdad, injuring four of the nine personnel aboard, the military said. The cause of the incident and the type of aircraft were not immediately announced. The US military said it had launched an investigation but provided no further details.

At least nine American choppers have crashed or



## Russia rights groups criticize Bush over meeting

Moscow, 7 April — Russian human rights groups on Thursday asked US President George W. Bush to explain why he had a White House meeting with a Russian general accused of rights abuses in Chechnya.

Bush met General Vladimir Shamanov in March as part of a US-Russian commission on missing soldiers. A spokeswoman said it was "unlikely" Bush would have met Shamanov if he had known about the abuse allegations.

"The rather vague apologies of the White House don't seem sufficient in such a grave situation. We hope to hear your own explanation," said an open letter signed by

leaders of 13 Russian human rights groups.

"Was that meeting with Shamanov a misunderstanding and a very unfortunate mistake? Or do you believe that... war crimes and crimes against humanity may remain uninvestigated, and the perpetrators may go unpunished?"

"Whether you wanted it or not, the international community received a signal that the leader of a world power ... welcomes a general who is allegedly

responsible for war crimes," said the letter.

In Crawford, Texas, White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe said Bush appreciated the concerns raised by the human rights groups in their letter and would reply soon.

"The President was unaware of the allegations made against General Shamanov," he said. "In light of these allegations, the staff should not have recommended the photo opportunity."

MNA/Reuters

## World Cinema Foundation to be launched in 2007 Cannes Film Festival

PARIS, 7 April — American film maker Martin Scorsese, accompanied by several other film makers, will during the 60th edition of Cannes Film Festival launch the World Cinema Foundation, an organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of major world cinema works.

According to a statement published on Wednesday by festival organizers, a "lesson in exceptional cinema" will be given by Scorsese who will talk about his work as

a director and his passion for cinema.

He will equally award the golden camera prize to the director of the best film screened at the festival during the closing ceremony on May 27, according to the statement.

Winner of the prize of Golden Palm in 1976 for his film "Taxi Driver" and the jury president in 1998, Scorsese bagged the Oscar for the best director as well as for the best film for his movie "The Departed" during this year's Oscar awards.

MNA/Reuters



Pupils wash their parents' feet in a classroom of Donghuayuan Primary School of Yangzhou City, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 5 April, 2007. Through this activity in the theme of gratitude education, pupils learnt to be grateful to their parents.— XINHUA



An animal keeper shows a two and a half months old southern white rhinoceros calf, Layla (Born at Night), to the public for the first time at the Budapest Zoo on 5 April, 2007. Layla is the first rhinoceros to be conceived sartificial insemination. — XINHUA

## ECONOMIC NEWS

### Vietnam, China should speed up construction of eco corridor

HANOI, 6 April — Vietnam and China should speed up the construction of an economic corridor linking their four localities under the cooperation framework of “two economic corridors and one belt”, Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said Wednesday.

The two countries should facilitate the construction of the corridor linking Kunming City of China’s Yunnan Province, and the three Vietnamese localities of Lao Cai, Ha Noi and Hai Phong, and promote cooperation on transport, tourism, mining, education and training, Dung said while meeting with visiting Yunnan Governor Qin Guangrong.

The two sides should also finish their planting of border marks in 2008,

and effectively coordinate in using water sources of Red and Mekong rivers, he said.

The Prime Minister asked Yunnan and four Vietnamese border provinces, Lao Cai, Ha Giang, Lai Chau and Dien Bien, to soon establish a joint working committee to beef up their economic cooperation.

The Vietnamese Government will create more favourable conditions for Yunnan to strengthen cooperation

with Vietnamese localities, as well as effectively invest in Vietnam.

Qin, leading a delegation of 200 Chinese firms to attend the Vietnam International Trade Fair 2007 opening in the capital of Hanoi on Wednesday, and get to know investment opportunities in Vietnam, said Yunnan wants to boost cooperation with the Vietnamese side in the fields of iron and aluminum bauxite mining, transport and tourism.

MNA/Xinhua



**Chinese carmaker Chery sold 44,568 vehicles in March to become the first domestic brand to top China’s monthly vehicle sales since 1987.** — XINHUA

### Brazil, Ecuador sign oil agreement

BRASILIA, 6 April — Brazil’s state energy company, Petrobras, and its Ecuadorean counterpart, Petroecuador, signed an agreement on Wednesday to exploit the Ishpingo-Tiputini-Tambococho (ITT) oil fields in the Yasuni National Park in the Ecuadorean Amazon.

Rafael Correa, Ecuador’s President since 15 January, signed the deal during an official visit here where he was received by his Brazilian counterpart, Luiz Inacio da Silva.

The Chilean National Petrol Company and SIPC, a subsidiary of Chinese state-owned company Sinopec, have already separately signed agreements with Petroecuador to exploit the region. Petroecuador will provide environmental, social and economic reports on the

field, while the other three companies will present joint plans for evaluating and developing reserves.

ITT contains Block 31, already being exploited by Petrobras, which has invested 461 million US dollars in Ecuador in the last four years. ITT’s estimated one billion barrels of heavy crude, lie in the heart of the Yasuni, one of Ecuador’s most important animal and plant reserves, 320 kilometres north of Quito. Oil exploration has been held back several times by environmental activists’ criticism.

Petrobras and Petroecuador also signed a memorandum of understanding agreeing to study the technical, economic and legal viability of biofuel production and distribution joint ventures in Ecuador.

MNA/Xinhua

### France signs tourism cooperation with Canadian autonomous region

PARIS, 6 April — France and Nunavut, an autonomous Canadian region have signed a cooperation agreement in the field of tourism, according to a statement published on Wednesday by the French Tourism Ministry.

France would like to “widen its support for the development of tourism in Nunavut through the sharing of know-how and joint efforts in the promotion of Nunavut as a tour destination,” according to French Tourism Minister Leon Bertrand.

This cooperation was established within the framework of “the policy for the promotion of sustainable tourism that respects the environment and local populations”, according to the statement.

Paul Okalik, the Prime Minister of Nunavut, said this partnership will prove decisive for the future of the region.

Nunavut is a region covering 1.9 million square kilometres in northern Canada comprising the majority of the islands making up the Canadian Arctic. Established in 1999, this region boasts its own autonomous administrative institutions. — MNA/Xinhua



**Spider-Man 3. This year, Spider-Man will cast his web straight from Europe to Aunt May’s doorstep. The much-hyped third installment of the Sam Raimi-directed Spider-Man franchise will have its US premiere on 30 Apr in Queens — Peter Parker’s hometown — as part of the sixth annual Tribeca Film Festival.** — INTERNET



**Models present creations by Russian designer Konstantin Gayday during his fashion show in Moscow on 5 April, 2007.** — XINHUA

### Billionaire makes bid for Chrysler

LOS ANGELES, 6 April — Billionaire Kirk Kerkorian, the richest man in Los Angeles, has made a 4.5-billion-dollar bid to purchase automaker Chrysler.

Kerkorian’s Tracinda Corp said in a statement on Thursday that it “intends to build and strengthen Chrysler as an independent entity by partnering with the United Auto Workers (UAW) and senior management of Chrysler, and will offer the UAW

and Chrysler management the opportunity to participate as equity partners in the transaction”.

“Tracinda believes that by taking a long-term approach to solving Chrysler’s problems, it can become a robust and lasting, stand-alone entity,” said the statement.

In a letter to the DaimlerChrysler Supervisory Board, Tracinda officials also offered to post a 100-million-dollar deposit to ensure exclusive

negotiating rights on the sale.

According to *The Detroit News*, other bidders for the company include Blackstone Group, Cerberus Capital Management and Magna International Inc.

Kerkorian was named by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* last year as the richest man in Los Angeles, with an estimated worth of 9.3 billion dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

## World Health Day observed...

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In implementing the National Health Plan, efforts are being made to promote providing health care services for the people in the entire nation, to develop human resources concerning health sector and to upgrade health infrastructures, to improve diagnostic and medical treatment technologies of international level and to install modern health equipment. Therefore, the advanced hospitals, general hospitals, specialists and teaching hospitals were opened and upgraded to provide quality health care services to the people. Likewise, regional health centres and rural health care units were opened in remote areas and rural regions.

At present, every special development region that based on 24 major towns in 14 States and Divisions have been equipped with one 200-bed hospital each. Furthermore, there is at least one 16-bed hospital in every town. The majority of hospitals have been upgraded to the 25-bed facility of its kind. In addition, the specialists and experts were assigned duties at the district level hospitals, and modern hospital equipment have been installed at the hospitals.

For ensuring improve-

ment of medical science and nurturing human resources related to the health sector, Universities of Medicine and health universities have been opened to train greater number of students. At present, four Universities of Medicine, two Universities of Dental Medicine, two Universities of Nursing, two Universities of Para medical Science, two Universities of Pharmacy, one University of Com-

munity Health and one University of Traditional Medicine have been established in addition to one Defence Services Medical Academy and one Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science.

Efforts are being made for upgrading medical curricula and syllabus to meet the international standards by holding the medical seminars regularly. Moreover, the government had implemented the four-year special plan to improve medical science for meeting international standards and to fulfill modern teaching aids. With a view to enabling the people to have the wide scope of health knowledge, tasks to ensure adequate supply of drinking clean water and to improve the health care services of rural people — two points of rural development tasks — are being undertaken in the rural areas. Furthermore, tasks of environmental conservation, sanitation tasks and supply of drinking clean water including greening tasks being carried out in the central area of Myanmar contribute not only to the control of disease but also to the uplift of health and social standards of the people.

He said leadership of the government, cooperation among the depart-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and guests view documentary photos on health activities of Ministry of Health and WHO.—MNA

new diseases such as SARS and avian flu are also threatening the mankind as a health hazard.

There are frequent natural disasters in the world such as earthquakes, tsunami, volcanic eruption, floods, and other disasters like violence and war. They cause loss of lives and property, he said.

These events also reduce the health standard of the people and life expectancy. A health problem can reach one place in the world quickly because of the rapid development of science and technology and communications. For example, SARS which started in Hong Kong spread to Singapore, Thailand, the US and Canada. The avian flu also spread to

over 50 countries in the world. Efforts are to be made for control of the bird flu through international cooperation, he added.

He said the government took preventive measures for SARS. In connection with the prevention of bird flu, the government is actively cooperating with international organizations including WHO and FAO.

The government has designated HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria as major diseases to be controlled. Despite combating these three diseases, the government encounters obstacles regarding the humanitarian assistance provided by international communities. External destructive elements are urging the countries that provide humanitarian assistance to lay down pre-conditions, he pointed out.

He said some people disrupting the nation-building tasks are trying to achieve political gain

under the pretext of diseases that harm the people and spreading fabricated news in collaboration with external media.

He said the government was determined to combat dangerous diseases until they are eradicated from Myanmar soil in cooperation with UN agencies, friendly nations and international and local social organizations.

The government will continue to educate the youths regarding knowledge on AIDS. Efforts are to be made for availability of safe water and wholesome food and creation of clean environment that contribute towards the raising of health standard of the people in cooperation with departments concerned and external and internal social associations, he said.

He also stressed the importance of promotion of work efficiency of primary health staff who are responsible for public health care services. He spoke of the need to train them to possess knowledge and skills.

According to WHO, cooperation among developed nations as well as developing ones is required in control of danger to the world health. Especially, cooperation in exchange of health information and monitoring and response of public health. In the meantime, continued efforts are to be made to build health systems and

to make investment on health in systematically responding pandemic diseases.

The individual's efforts alone cannot be possible as the task is huge but cooperation among departments, organizations and private sectors is required.

Myanmar in cooperation with UN agencies, NGOs and ASEAN will actively take part in the drive for future life security based on health.

In line with the motto of this year "World Health Day", government bodies are striving together with social organizations for future life security of the entire people while pouring investment into the health sector. Therefore, concerted efforts are to be made in cooperation with the world community for future life security of each and every citizen while striving for future life security of the whole world people.

Next, WHO Representative Professor Adik Wibowo read the message for 2007 of WHO SEA Regional Director, which brought the ceremony to an end.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and the guests viewed publications on health and documentary photos on health activities displayed in the hall.

The motto of this year "World Health Day" is "Invest in health, build a safer future".—MNA

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ments concerned and participation of international and local social associations contribute much towards combating major diseases, raising of health standard of the people, promoting education on health and realization of objectives on health projects.

He said now in the world there is recurrence of infectious diseases such as TB that harmed the entire people in the past and



Resident Representative of WHO Professor Adik Wibowo reads the message of WHO SEA Regional Director.—MNA

## Government giving priority...

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developing countries applying modern information methods. Some powers use media as a weapon to mislead other countries into misunderstanding Myanmar by turning a blind eye to the progress of the country. In addition, all know that rumours are being spread in the nation to harm national unity, break up the Union Spirit and undermine peace and stability of the State. There-

fore, it is necessary to rebut accusations and incorrect broadcasts of anti-government organizations through media.

During the 12-year period, Myawady TV has a lot of experiences and achievements. The unit presented progress of the nation on time to enable the people to have a wide scope of knowledge and recreation. Staff at Myawady TV are to harmoniously perform

their tasks. The awarding of outstanding prizes is to recognize efforts of the servicemen within one year.

Myawady and Ngwetayyi magazines of Myawady Literary House will present best literary and photographic prizes within one year to winners. The government is giving priority to development of the literary world for serving the national interest. Hence, the literary house has been organizing the literary and photographic prize presentation ceremony yearly. He then urged the literati to strive for enabling the readers to realize the nationalist spirit and Union Spirit.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented the best cameraman award to WO II Hla Htoo, the best announcer award to WO Saw Kalyar Oo and WOII Khin Ei Ei Lwin, the best programmer award to Sergeant Saw Mya Sanda, the best producer award to WO Phyu Phyu Tun, the best editor award to WOII Tin Tin Nwe, the best computer award to Sergeant Hla Myo Aung, the best musician award to Sgt Myo Win, the best setting ward to Sgt Aye Lwin and cash rewards for engineering department to

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects...

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After hearing the reports, he instructed them to emphasize on longevity, and wide range of health knowledge of the people. The Government has provided pharmaceutical and hospital equipment to the hospitals and dispensaries as much as possible. Therefore, health staff are to make utmost efforts for giving health care services to the people.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected construction of 5-furlong earth road linking Ngantay and Thayaraye wards and Thanlwin Bridge (Bridge).

They proceeded to Kataik Dam Project site near Kataik Village of Paung Township. Lt-Gen Maung

Bo viewed progress of the project tasks, the spillway, the conduit and the water control tower.

Kadaik Dam is located, two miles from Kataik Village. The earth embankment will be 5,200 feet long and 134 feet high. The dam can store 56,000 acre feet of water at the highest level, and it will irrigate 10,000 acres of farmlands.

In the afternoon, they met local authorities of Thaton District, Thaton and Paung townships and departmental personnel. Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that Thaton District has food sufficiency and surplus food. However, the district needs to extend farmland to meet

the target. Furthermore, it is necessary to extend cultivation of rubber, physic nut and pepper for ensuring uplift of living standard of the local people. While the government is building the discipline-flourishing democratic nation, departmental personnel are to uphold Our Three Main National Causes as national policy and to organize the local people to observe good democracy practise.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected construction of Computer University (Mawlamyine) at the foot of Sandami Hill in Gaw Village of Thaton Township. He inspected progress of the three-storey main building.

Later, they went back to Thaton.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe presents prize to an outstanding staff.—MNA

Capt Tin Win.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win presented the second prize to Zaw Zaw Tun (Kyaukme) and third prize to Kyaw Win Hlaing in Myawady Colour Photo Contest, the best cartoon award of Myawady magazine to Cartoonist Myay Zar, the best poem award to Maung Saw Tun (Kyaunggon), the best article award to Maung Kyi Pan (Myingaba) and the best short story award to Ko Naing (Chintaung).

Next, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presented the best cartoon award of

Ngwetayyi magazine to Cartoon Shwe Ko Oo, the best poem award to Nyunt Wai (Katha), the best article award to Tha Tun Nyein (Pakkoku), the best short story award to Chin Gyar (Maubin), and the best novel award to Min Chan Mon.

Next, Maj-Gen Hla Shwe of the Ministry of Defence presented prizes to WO II Yin Yin Tun of Defence Services Broadcasting Unit who stood first in the amateur level (first class) women's classical/modern singing contest of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts

Competitions, Sgt Aye Lei Wah Wah Aung of DSBU who stood first in the higher education level women's dancing contest, Sgt May Lei Hnaung of DSBU who stood second in the higher education level women's dancing contest and WOII Win Than of No 2 Mobile Public Relations Unit who stood third in the professional level men's dancing contest, WO Thet Oo of DSBU who stood first in short story contest on the 17th National Motto, literary and photo contest 2006 and WO Lay Naing of DSBU who stood third in the short story contest on traffic rules.

Next, Commander Commodore Win Shein of Ayeywady Naval Region Command and Commander Brig-Gen Zin Yaw of Mingaladon Airbase presented prizes to outstanding students and the instructor.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe hosted a dinner in honour of the prize winners.—MNA

## PBANRDA Minister receives UN Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April — Ms Margareta Wahlstrom, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs of United Nations, called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt at

the minister's office, here, yesterday.

The minister gave accounts on rural and border areas development being implemented by the State and discussed cooperation between the ministry and UN Agencies.

Present also at the call

were Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, Director-General U Than Swe of Progress of Border Region and National Races Department, Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department and officials.

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Minister Col Thein Nyunt meets UN Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Ms Margareta Wahlstrom.—PBANRDA

## Summer swimming course concludes

YANGON, 7 April — The conclusion of summer swimming course for 2007 of Kokkaing Swimming Club was held at the club in Bahan Township, here, this morning.

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint made a concluding speech.

President of the club Dr Khin Shwe, the executives and invited guests were present.

The minister and responsible persons pre-

sented certificates to the trainees and gift to the trainers.

A total of 582 trainees attended the course. The course No 2 will be opened on 24 April.—NLM

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents completion certificate to a trainee.

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# Frog Min Swe rides bicycle, uses public phone

*Ngar Min Swe*

A friend of mine informed me that Mazzima journal, published abroad, featured a news story about me. He said that he had downloaded it from the Internet and got a printout for me. Sincerely, I have heard about the Internet, but I am a stranger to it. I thank my friend very much.

I wanted to go to my friend's home at once to read the news report. But I had to give up my wish as I would have to visit Thaton together with my elder daughter. However, I was still eager to know about it. So, I asked my friend about the news. He told me that the news report slammed me. He said, "The news report said that you had become Frog (Sycophant) Min Swe from tadpole (semi-Sycophant) Min Swe. It has criticized your article 'Want commodity prices to come down, enjoy regular power supply?' Please don't feel disappointed. Your work has hit them hard. That's why they reacted. The people of Myanmar, standing by the truth, accepted what you have done."

I was not disappointed nor upset nor angry when I heard about the said news report. It just made me smile.

I rushed back to Yangon after working at a fish farm in Thaton Township for a week; and when I arrived back home, I read the article "From Ngar (Fish) Min Swe to Frog (Sycophant) Min Swe" contributed by Maung Nyo in the Mazzima journal.

Now, I will refute the given article para by para.

"He was Hpa-ta-baing Nga-ta-baing (tadpole or semi-Sycophant) Min Swe in the past. Now he has become Frog (Sycophant) Min Swe for writing articles currying favour with the government.

"With reference to the article "From '75' Min Swe to '88' Min Ko Naing" Living Color magazine (No 138: January) said that it (the article) should be recorded as an admirable work of the articles that appeared in the government-owned dailies in 2006. It seems that the given article or the columnist is like a person with a normal looking in a group of lepers, or in other words, we can assume that no articles the government-owned dailies featured in 2006 were honourable. In my opinion, the magazine and the columnist are flattering each other for self-interest." (Nearest translation of a para from the article.

I came to know that my article "From '75' Min Swe to '88' Min Ko Naing" was acknowledged as a good one by Living Color magazine only after my daughter had told me about it. I have never contributed any article nor short story to the magazine; have never acquainted with any of the editors or staff of the magazine; and have never written about the magazine in any of my works. So, what Maung Nyo said 'In my opinion, the magazine and the columnist

are flattering each other for self-interest' is just a groundless slander.

Maung Nyo also described to me as a person with a normal looking among lepers. Maung Nyo, I would like to ask you a question. Who is honourable of the two-a guy with a normal looking in a leper group who is standing on his own feet and earning his own living or a leper group? I thank Maung Nyo for calling me a person with a normal looking in a group of lepers. I pray that you may never become a beggar of a leper group.

"Ngar Min Swe wrote an article 'Want commodity prices to come down, enjoy regular power supply?' in favour of the government in the 9th March issue of Myanma Alin Daily." (Nearest translation of a para from the article).

But Myanmar readers know that it is not an article flattering the government. In the article, I have suggested that the government and entrepreneurs distribute enough chemical fertilizers to farmers. Other suggestions are to allot land to persons who will actually grow crops on them and to take severe action against bookies of the illegal numbers gambling games and personnel taking bribes from them. Hence, the bookies and corrupt personnel are angry with me. I wrote in my article that two-digit and three-digit gambling was harmful to the national interest. Hence, the DVB asked whether I was insane. I have presented an opinion to switch off all air-conditioners for ensuring regular power supply so that children may learn their lessons well and conveniently at night. So, I have faced criticism of some persons whose homes are installed with air-conditioners.

In my view, flattering means cajoling others for self-interest. Rumours were spreading that I got a nice Prado car after my article "From Ngar Min Swe to Daw Suu Kyi" had been featured in the dailies.

I have already told the public through an interview with Saya Myat Khaing of Snap shot journal (Vol-I No. 17) that the rumours were wrong, that I have never asked any favour from the government or anyone in return for my articles, that I will not accept any gifts from the government, and that for me literature is invaluable.

"In his article, Ngar Min Swe admitted the ever rising commodity prices and the interrupted power supply. He says that he too is included in the persons who wish to see commodity prices fall. But he is not as courageous as the persons who staged a demonstration in front of Theingyi Market on Maha Bandoola Street." (Nearest translation of a para from the article."

What you mean is that except from those 10 or 15 persons who staged the said demonstration under the leadership of Htin Kyaw, not any other persons including me of over 50 million Myanmar people

have the courage. You are like pounding the over 50 million people hard with a large hammer.

**The attitude of Myanmar people at present is different from that before 1988. Myanmar's mentality has changed with the passing of time. Myanmar people have already known that staging a demonstration on a street is not to be termed as courageous; that courage is the selfless act of serving the interest of the nation and the people and that its force is the indivisible unity. The act of Htin Kyaw to popularize himself and the incitation of foreign media are like drawing a picture on water.**

"Ngar Min Swe expresses anxiety that such small demonstrations will lead to a civil commotion. He also threatens that a civil commotion may cause grassroots people's starvation. Those with empty stomachs are not afraid of the bullets." (Nearest translation of a para from the article).

But I do not mean to threaten the grassroots people by saying that a civil commotion may cause their starvation. I have always got in touch with the grassroots people. I dine together with them. Please visit my fish farm at Seikkyun village in Thaton Township, if you want to witness their real life.

Please read my article "Love them also" that appeared in Yangon Times and Flower journals recently. You can also read the two issues at Yangon Times Media Group on Seikkantha Street, Yangon. In the article, I presented the plight of ordinary families together with photos. At the end of the article, I earnestly request all to love the grassroots people the way they love their children and grandchildren. Maung Nyo slanders me as a person threatening the grassroots people I love.

Maung Nyo said that those with empty stomachs are not afraid of the bullets. Well, I would like to test it. Maung Nyo, if you are put in a confinement for two days without any food, you will get terribly hungry. And you have a loaded pistol. So point the gun at your stomach and pull the trigger by yourself. Are you afraid just to hear that?

In Myanmar, no one is suffering from hunger. I find it difficult in gathering workers for my salterns and fish farms. There are more jobs than workers in Myanmar. No one in Myanmar will face hunger if he works. Only the persons gambling with numbers will face food shortages at their homes.

"Why are peasants, workers, rural people and government servants of Myanmar poor? Because plutocrats — military generals, their relatives and friends and bureaucrats working in cooperation with those generals — are plundering all the nation's riches. Ngar Min Swe, you dare not reveal this" (Nearest translation of a para from the article).

(See page 9)

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## Frog Min Swe rides bicycle...

(from page 8)

You said that peasants, workers, urban grassroots people and government employees are poor at present. I have been to many villages in many places of Myanmar. Unlike in the past, farmers now own nice homes, and even cars and motorcycles. They can now afford to send their children to universities and to receive medical treatment at specialist hospitals in towns.

My father, U Tun Nyein, is a farmer who grows rice and produces salt. He now owns two houses in Kyaikto and a car. My elder brother Ko Saw Ohn also owns a house in Thaton and a car. He is a farmer too. My elder sister and my younger sister have their own homes and cars. The former is living in Kyaikkhami and the latter in Thaton. They both are farmers. Not anyone of them is a trader or an entrepreneur. So, how can you say that farmers are poor? Please visit rural areas where they live.

Some farmers take loans in advance from the merchants and brokers before their crops are harvested, and spend the money in advance on drinking and gambling. When their crops are harvested, they have to sell their produce to the merchants and brokers at the lowest rate of prices. Their excessive indulgence in gambling adversely affects work and per acre yield of the crops. Such farmers get into trouble. I am sure you learnt a story in your youth that the son of a wealthy man possessing 800 million in cash in the end became a beggar owing to his excessive extravagance.

I must admit that I am engaged in salt farming and fish farming. Now I own an apartment and a separate house in Yangon. I was desirous of expanding my fish farming in Thaton, where fish farming industry has not thrived yet, so I had to sell my own car and mobile phone I was using. And I thought I should buy a motorcycle for my convenience to travel around Thaton. At that time, a licensed motorcycle was worth about two million kyats. So, I decided not to buy one. My younger sister Cho Cho Min felt sorry to see me take a trishaw or a passenger bus to go to distant places, so she bought me a motorcycle without licence worth 800,000 kyats after selling her paddy. Hearing that authorities would seize unlicensed motorcycles, I asked her to sell it. Then, I bought a Japan-made bicycle valued at 90,000 kyats. About two months before I bought it, a Japan-made bicycle was worth 75,000 kyats only. The price of bicycles went up because of the seizure of unlicensed motorcycles between Thaton and Myawady. I take a bicycle ride for five miles from Seikkyun fish farm to Kyaikkaw. Then, I leave my bike at the house of U Saw Ke in Kyaikkaw and proceed to Yangon by bus. I am now riding a bicycle to go here and there.

I extended my fish farming at Seikkyun Village in Thaton Region, so the harvest of fish rose to about 40,000 viss this year. In the past, local people had to rely on fish from Yangon at the retail price of about 2000 kyats a viss. The output of fish from my farm brought the fish price down to 1500 or 1600 kyats a viss, accounting for 400 to 500 kyats less a viss. Houses wishing to make a feast in charity place an order for 90 to 100 viss of fish from me. I sell them fish at the wholesale price of 1200 to 1300 kyats a viss. Many women from the village buy fish from me and sell it on a small scale for profit and a fishmonger makes a profit of 5000 to 10,000 kyats a day. However, my harvest lasts about a month only. So, there should be 10 to 15 more fish farmers like me to ensure a fall in fish prices all-year round in Thaton. That was why I invited Min Ko Naing to run a business in Mon or Kayin States. Ronald Reagan of the US did politics, while breeding cattle. Min Ko

Naing can engage in politics, while running a fish farm.

Some ordinary people in urban areas have become owners of brick houses. And some service personnel have got own houses in newly-established towns.

I would like to react what you said that the generals and their relatives were manipulating the nation's wealth. A son of a general and a son of a minister are now engaged in fish farming. Any citizen in the country can run a fish farm freely like them. Why don't you contact me if you want to make an investment in fish farming? Children of generals and those of the ministers and the people in general were not rich in the time of the Burma Socialist Programme Party due to the centralized economic system. Do you want to go back to such an awful period again?

**Thanks to the market-oriented economic system, these days some Myanmar citizens have become rich, thus reflecting a boom in the State economy. However much a citizen is rich, he cannot ride two Land Cruiser cars at the same time. If national businessmen become rich and extend their businesses, the people can enjoy more products they are manufacturing, and many people get jobs in their businesses. If they are rich enough to run an airline, the people will enjoy better transport. A businessman is like a bee. People consume honey made by bees. We do not like businessmen who are like white ants and who become rich manipulating the State business.** My article "A white ant or a bee?" carried in the Yangon Times journal featured these points.

He said that the result of the National Convention being held at Nyaungnapin Camp of the military regime was like the life of a novice-to-be. He meant as if the National Convention were opposed by the people from all walks of life. (Nearest translation)

What you thought is totally wrong, and it is apparent that yours is just a fabricated accusation. In the article, I did not mention "Nyaungnapin National Convention". It was just my call on the people to protect the motherland as a would-be-novice from any dangers. If the result of the National Convention is like the life of a boy who is going to be novitiated, as said by you, the people from all walks of life have to protect the novice-to-be. Your claim that the entire people from all strata of life were against the life of a novice-to-be was really an insult to the national people and the Sasana.

Ngar Min Swe made a suggestion that paddy be grown extensively in the vacant and fallow lands to ensure a fall in consumer prices including rice price.

Even a primary school level child knows that to ensure a fall in rice price calls for extensive cultivation of paddy in vacant and virgin lands. Pretending not to know that point, those with negative view are finding someone to blame for the rise in rice price. In fact, all adult citizens are duty-bound to ensure food sufficiency in the nation, and so are you, Maung Nyo. May I ask you, what have you produced for the people to eat? And what have you contributed towards these tasks?

There have been an increase in paddy sown acreage and paddy output, but is there any fall in consumer prices? There is said to be a rise in paddy production; are the figures just on paper?

You should make a comment after a thorough study of my article. In my article, I said that the paddy per acre yield was just about 25 baskets due to no access to fertilizers and farmers' failure to work hard. And some service personnel neither made field trips nor supervised the agricultural tasks effectively and submitted correct figures.

You said that to supply electricity constantly,

Ngar Min Swe had a sole suggestion to organize a tug-of-war contest for more rain to get more rainwater. The growing of Jatropha curcas (physic nut) plants was still going on. All the natural gas had been sold to Thailand and there was no more gas for local consumption. And the nine large hydropower station projects were being implemented.

Every country needs foreign exchange. They have to export their products to earn foreign exchange. Not all the gas has been sold to Thailand. Gas is supplied to local factories, hydroelectric power stations and CNG cars. So, we can go to downtown Yangon from Hledan, spending bus fare of only 50 kyats. It is difficult to store natural gas, so all the gas the nation has produced is consumed or sold. Remaining natural gas cannot be stored, and if the natural gas remains, it will have to be all burnt. To my surprise, you are writing articles for the worldwide Mazzima journal without having such basic knowledge.

Through the article, I made a suggestion that at a time when electric power was not sufficient, electricity should be consumed efficiently, and air-conditioners in residences and offices should be removed. You meant I flattered someone? Yes, I did. My article was aimed at ensuring regular power supply for ordinary people. So, I flattered them. In your article, you did not make any comment concerning my suggestion that air-conditioners should be removed. Was it because some air-conditioners are installed in your house and office? I also have an air-conditioner in my home. Let's get rid of our air-conditioners if the government releases an order to do so. Let's make sacrifice in order that wards and small rural towns get more power supply. What would you say?

Maung Nyo, I am a pragmatist. So, I will never make a suggestion to conduct a tug-of-war contest for more rain to generate more electricity. In the present condition, my suggestion is that to create an artificial rain through scientific ways to regularly supply electric power also in summer. When the major rivers such as the Ayeyawady, Chindwin and Thanlwin are dammed, we no longer need to make artificial rains in the hot season. Alien media men are now criticizing the projects to dam these rivers, aren't they?

You said, "Ngar Min Swe, don't write articles as you have opportunity to do so and to flatter the government. You have become Frog (Sycophant) Min Swe from Tadpole (semi-Sycophant) Min Swe." (Nearest translation)

Maung Nyo, I am writing articles not because I have an opportunity to write and to flatter the government but because I am presenting my experiences and personal opinions in a sincere way in the interests of the nation and the people. Some persons are not happy with it. So, I wrote an article "A writer may attract widespread criticism, may be killed" (13-2-2007).

You said that Ngar Min Swe had become Frog (Sycophant) Min Swe from Tadpole (semi-Sycophant) Min Swe. Flattering means praising important or influential persons too much to gain benefit in return. In the article carried by the Snapshot Journal, I explained that I expected neither benefits nor opportunities in return for writing my article. I wish I were rich with a fine residence and a luxury automobile. However, I will continue to make self-reliant efforts to achieve my goal. You may consider Ngar Min Swe to be Frog Min Swe. Now, Frog Min Swe has neither a car of his own nor a motorcycle nor mobile phone. Frog Min Swe is now riding a bicycle and using public phone.

**(I request Maung Nyo to make a comment on this article through media at home and abroad.)**

**Translation: TMT + MS**

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## Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee meets



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin speaks at Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee (10/2007).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April — Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee held the meeting 10/2007 at the hall of Nay Pyi Taw Command Headquarters, here, yesterday evening.

It was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of the committee Chairman of Pyinmana District Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Zaw, members

of the committee, chairmen of Pyinmana, Lewe, Tatkon Township PDCs and officials.

First, the commander gave a speech. The chairman of the committee and officials submitted the minute of the previous meeting and reported on tasks carried out. The commander instructed officials to supervise collection of bus fares, running of buses and services. — MNA

## Armanthit Autos displayed at exhibition of MWEA (2007)



Armanthit Light Trucks of Ever Smile Group. — MNA

YANGON, 7 April — Armanthit Autos of Ever Smile Group are being displayed at the exhibition of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association (2007) at

Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road from 6 to 8 April..

AMT-1 ton (Light Truck), developed by Armanthit Auto Production, is equipped

with 2C (Turbo) 2 Y, 2C, 3C (Turbo), Q1 and Q5 engines and 5 speed, 5 speed (Manual)- Auto and 4 speed (Manual) gear. Its kinds of model are AMT-08, AMT-09 and AMT-010. In addition, other auto parts are also being developed by the company and CNG-run autos have been sold.

The Armanthit Autos are developed at No 229 of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-2 on Kanaung Minthagyi Road, Ph 682813, 682814 and its showroom is open at No 423 on Lower Kyimyindine

Road (near Thida Cinema) in Ahlon Township Ph 220502, 095147828, 098030336. — MNA



Chairman U Lin of Yathacho Industry Ltd speaks at a dinner to mark tenth Anniversary of Yum Yum Noodle.—MNA



Responsible persons cut the ribbon to open Lolane Beauty Solution Centre of Grand Wynn Enterprises Ltd.—MNA

## Yum Yum hosts dinner to mark its tenth anniversary

YANGON, 7 April — A dinner to mark the tenth Anniversary of Yum Yum Noodle was held at the Traders Hotel on 2 April.

Chairman of Yathacho Co Ltd U Lin addressed the dinner and

Managing Director U Wai Phyoe explained background history of Yum Yum Noodle.

Officials presented gold medal to ten-year-experienced agents and silver medal to five-year-experienced

agents, and chose the lucky draw winners among the audiences.

Yum Yum Noodle was introduced on the market on 2 April 1997. It received ISO 9001:2000 certificate in 2004.

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## Ministry of Industry-1 reviews accomplishments in 2006-07 and sets aim for 2007-08

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April — The Ministry of Industry-1 held the meeting to review accomplishments of the ministry in 2006-07 financial year and to set aim for 2007-08 at its training hall, here, yesterday morning.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung delivered an address. Factory managers and managing directors reported on their respective sectors. In the afternoon, officials presented prizes to outstanding athletes in 2005-06. Director-General U Thein Aung of the ministry discussed the reports of factory managers and managing directors for running of machines at full capacity, sales of products and others. After attending to the needs, the minister laid down the aims for 2007-08 financial year. —MNA

## Lolane Beauty Solution Centre opens

YANGON, 7 April — Grand Wynn Enterprises Ltd opened Lolane Beauty Solution Centre and introduced a new brand of Rebonding Gel cosmetics at Waizayantar Shopping Mall this afternoon.

On the occasion, Chairman U Hla Win of Grand Wynn Group of Companies (Managing Director of Grand Wynn Enterprises Ltd), Chairman MR Seri Somboomsakdiful of SC Artistry Co, Ltd of Thailand, and Managing Director Mr Wichai Tongthampron of SC Artistry Co, Ltd of Thailand formally opened the centre. Technicians demonstrate the use of the new item of Rebonding Gel. Next, a lucky draw programme was held.

For Lolane hair & skin care and Rico & Rina, entrepreneurs can contact Grand Wynn Enterprises Ltd, No 40, 67th Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, (Ph: 294045, 290170 and 291318) — MNA

## TVs, radios, periodicals donated to libraries of hilly villages in Pyinmana Township (East)



USDA CEC Member Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe speaks at a donation of publication, TVs and Radios to rural libraries in Pyinmana Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April — Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) held a ceremony to donate TVs, radios and periodicals to the libraries of hilly villages in Pyinmana Township (East) at Mingalar Kandaw Hall in Pyinmana this morning.

USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and CEC Member Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein

Swe addressed the ceremony. Present at the ceremony were departmental heads, Pyinmana District and Township PDCs, District USDA Secretary U Khin Maung Htay and members, USDA members from the hilly villages in Pyinmana Township (East) and local people.

In his speech, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said the State has created opportunities for

the youth to improve their education and for the development of human resources. And they are now in a position to pursue their education from the basic level in their own regions. In addition, for the wider knowledge of rural people, measures have been taken to establish self-reliant village libraries nationwide in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. Out of the 61,949 villages of

the country, 54,707 could open their self-reliant libraries. This was due to the cooperative efforts of the State, the local people and public donors. The success was also due to the fact that the government encouraged the local people and donors to establish libraries in their own regions, and provided necessary assistance such as funds and various publications. For the durability of the already-opened libraries, the Information and Public Relations Department is taking measures in line with the five work programmes. In doing so, local authorities, village library committee members, local people, USDA members and IPRD staff are to cooperate each other. In conclusion, the minister said all the village people are to value and maintain their libraries the way they

value their village monasteries.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe made a speech. He said it has been fourteen years since the USDA was established in September 1993. Since its formation, the USDA included 'Our Three Main National Causes' in its five objectives. The ultimate aim is to reach the goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation. To develop the whole country is to develop the rural regions representing more than 70 percent of the entire population. Therefore, the State is working hard day in, day out by laying down the five rural development tasks. The USDA has opened rural libraries in 20 hilly villages of Pyinmana Township (East). And now today's ceremony was held to donate TVs, radios and periodicals to these libraries. The association

has also built hydro-electric power stations for the 23 hilly villages, he added.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe donated TVs and radios to the libraries of hilly villages in Pyinmana Township (East) through responsible persons.

Next, IPRD Director General U Chit Naing and Pyinmana District USDA Secretary U Khin Maung Htay donated periodicals to the libraries of hilly villages in Pyinmana Township (East). U Thein Swe and family (Nann Sein Confectionery) donated K 200,000 to the township USDA. After the ceremony, the ministers cordially greeted those present. Today's donations were 10 TVs, 20 radios and 3,250 journals and magazines.

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USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan donates TV sets to libraries of hilly villages in Pyinmana Township (East).—MNA

## MWAF's Information Department donates cash and publications in Htantabin Township

YANGON, 7 April —The Information Department of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation donated publications and cash to the Shansu Village's Thuta Dipaka Library in Htantabin Township this

morning. The ceremony was attended by Deputy Head of the department Daw Mya Mya and members, members of District WAOs and social organizations.

Firstly, Daw Mya Mya explained the

purpose of donation. Next, responsible persons accepted K 250, 000 and various kinds of books donated by wellwishers.

Later, the deputy head and party viewed round the library.

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Responsible persons of the Information Department of MWAF presents cash and publications to Thuta Dipaka Library in Shansu Village, Htantabin Township.—MNA

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## China will not follow US energy consumption model

SHANGHAI, 6 April — China will not follow the US energy consumption model because energy resources are limited, said Xu Dingming, vice-director of the Office of the National Energy Leading Group.

Xu made the remark at an MIT Energy Forum in Shanghai on Tuesday. He said if Chinese people consumed energy like their US counterparts, China would need 4.5 billion tons of oil per year. However, the annual global oil supply is just four billion tons with only 1.6 billion tons in commercial circulation.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics, Chinese citizens owned nearly 30 million private cars at the end of last year.

With annual oil consumption of two tons per vehicle and a 20-per cent growth in car numbers per year, the transportation sector could become a large energy

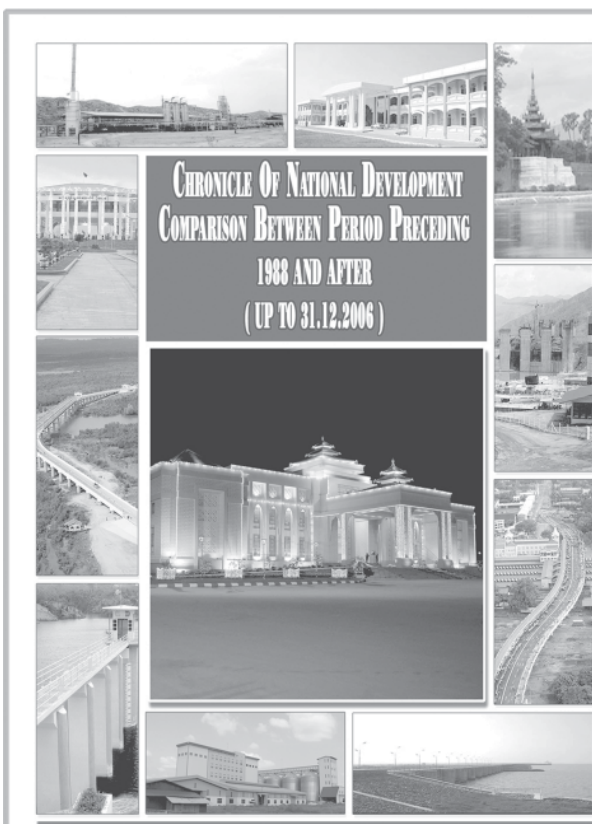
consumer in the future, warned the official.

Xu pointed out that Westerners account for only 15 per cent of the world's population but used the lion's share of the world's energy to power their industrial processes.

China cannot follow the wasteful Western model, said Xu, but would have to invent a cleaner, more effective energy consumption model of its own.

Reproducible energies are strongly recommended by experts and conservationists. China plans to raise the proportion of reproducible energies in its total energy consumption to 16 per cent by 2020.

MNA/Xinhua



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## Iran says US must change behaviour for ties

TEHERAN, 6 April — Iran's President said on Wednesday Iran could reconsider its relations with the United States if President George W Bush

and his administration changed its behaviour.

"If Mr Bush and his government change their behaviour... this side (Iran) has the ability to reconsider" its ties with Washington, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told a

news conference without specifying what change he wanted to see.

He also said there was no link between the release of the Britons and five Iranians held by US forces in Iraq.

Asked about any

possible connection with the five, Ahmadinejad said: "They (the Britons) were pardoned ... It has nothing to do with media issues. Our view is not a materialistic and politicized view but is a human view."

MNA/Reuters

## Civilian killed in bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 6 April — A civilian was killed and four others wounded in two roadside bomb attacks in the Iraqi capital on Thursday, an Interior Ministry source said.

One civilian was killed and two others wounded when a roadside bomb detonated in the morning in Baghdad's northeastern neighbourhood of Bunouk, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Witnesses told Xinhua

that the blast targeted a US patrol, but the bomb exploded shortly after the patrol passed by. Another roadside bomb detonated near a police patrol in the Zaafaraniya District in southern Baghdad, damaging a police vehicle and wounding two policemen aboard, the police source added.

In north of Baghdad, gunmen on Wednesday kidnapped Ali al-Harbawi, head of local NGOs, while

he was travelling in his car on the main road near the city of Samarra, some 120 kilometres north of the capital, local police source told Xinhua on Thursday.

Violence persists in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities despite the presence of tens of thousands of US and Iraqi soldiers across the country in a major security crackdown aimed at curbing insurgency and sectarian violence in the war-torn country.—MNA/Xinhua

## China cracks largest ever CD, DVD piracy case

BEIJING, 6 April — More than 1.81 million pirated CDs and DVDs were seized in a production factory in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province on 17 March, in the largest single crackdown on CD and DVD piracy in the country's history.

Thirty production machines in 11 warehouses were also confiscated and 13 people were arrested.

The production base was located on the side of the airport expressway so the illegal products could be easily transported to other regions in China, said Li Baozhong, deputy

director of the national office responsible for cracking down on pornographic and illegal publications.

"The crackdown will help deter piracy in

China," Li added.

China has launched a "spring campaign" against illegal and pirated publications that will last until May.

MNA/Xinhua

## Court orders Danish woman to return Tanzanian boy

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 6 April — A Tanzanian local court has ordered that a four-year-old Tanzanian boy living with a Danish woman in Europe be returned to his biological mother in Dar-es-Salaam.

The Kisutu Resident Magistrate's Court in Dar-es-Salaam has ruled that the boy be reunited with his biological mother Consolata Mtikile immediately, local Press reported on Thursday.

The court said that the child, at the centre of a custody battle between the mother and the father Gabriel Amedeo, was taken to live in Denmark with a Danish woman illegally.

The Danish woman was identified as Tove Juul Martiny. The biological mother filed a civil lawsuit against Amadeo and Martiny over the boy's custody and their plans to adopt the boy who has been in Denmark since 2003.

Though the boy was born out of a love affair and not of marriage, he is supposed to legally remain with his biological mother until the age of seven years in accordance with Tanzanian regulations.

MNA/Xinhua



A crater caused by a roadside bomb attack is seen on a road in Basra, 550 km (340 miles) south of Baghdad, on 5 April, 2007. — XINHUA

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## Study: CAD mammogram system less accurate, not more

**BELING , 6 April** — A new US study reveals a widely used computer-aided detection (CAD) system for examining mammograms to detect breast cancer is leading to less accuracy, not more.



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Researchers report CAD did not find more breast cancer, but did lead to many more false alarms that resulted in additional testing and biopsies for spots on mammograms that were harmless. The new findings are likely to surprise radiologists, said Dr Ferris M Hall, a radiology professor at Harvard Medical School. Hall wrote an

editorial accompanying the paper, which was published today in The New England Journal of Medicine. "I was surprised," he said. "A lot of people will be amazed." Executives at the company whose equipment was used in the study, Hologic, said they interpreted the results differently. If there is a suspicious spot on a

mammogram, women will want to have a biopsy to rule out invasive cancer, said Robert A. Cascella, the company's president and chief operating officer.

And the study showed computer-aided detection was finding proportionately more very early precancerous growths.

"That's a valuable finding," he said. The company has improved its software since the study was conducted, Cascella added. Such detection systems, approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1998, are sold by several companies, including Hologic of Bedford, Mass; iCAD of Nashua, NH; and Kodak. According to the National Cancer Institute, the systems are now being used in about 30 percent of mammography centres. — *Internet*

## Fruit and vegetable diet fights off asthma

**LONDON, 5 April** — A diet full of fresh fruit, nuts and olive oil can ward off asthma in children, according to a newly-released study.

The Mediterranean-style diet shows benefits in a wide-ranging study of children living on the island of Crete. The children and teenagers were between seven and 18 years of age.

The results are published in Thorax, a respiratory medicine journal.

Around 700 children were monitored, and their diets rated for fresh fruit and vegetables as well as other types of food including dairy products and fats.

Those children who ate most of the traditional Mediterranean favourites of fresh foods seemed to have a resistance to asthma and some allergic conditions.

Eighty per cent of the children ate fresh fruit, and around 70% of them fresh vegetables, at least twice a day.

Oranges, apples, grapes and nuts appeared to protect against wheezing



and allergic rhinitis.

The research team was from the Royal Brompton Hospital, in London, the University of Crete, Venezelio General Hospital in Crete and the Centre for Research in Environmental Epidemiology, in Barcelona.

Spanish researchers had previously done a survey of Spanish schoolchildren which had similar results. — *Internet*

## Male elephant mauls his mate at Israeli zoo

**JERUSALEM, 6 April** — A male elephant has mauled one of his mates to death at an Israeli zoo in front of crowds visiting during the Jewish Passover holiday.

Yossi, a 33-year-old

male African elephant and herd leader chased Atari, a 46-year-old female, and smashed her against a stone wall several times, crushing her, a video of the incident released on Wednesday showed.

Some of the thousands of visitors to the Safari Zoo, outside Tel Aviv, could be heard shouting "Oh my goodness!" as she collapsed. At close to seven tons, Israeli zookeepers say Yossi is the largest elephant in captivity anywhere. Atari was about half his weight.

"She didn't stand a chance," zookeeper Vicka Minkowitz said. Zookeepers said they had quarantined Yossi in his pen since Sunday's incident, which they are

investigating with international experts.

Some experts suspect the elephant, born in captivity in Israel, had a fit of rage typical of the mating season, though he had not displayed such behaviour in the past.

*MNA/Reuters*

## New Google Maps feature allows customized maps

**BELING , 6 April** — Google Maps has caught up with Yahoo Maps by launching a new personalized touch to its online maps tool that allows users to create customized maps with specific locations and picture.

Other map sites, including Yahoo Maps, have offered a similar function and until now it was the main feature that differentiated them from Google Maps.

The first official announcement came from Google's Frank Taylor at the official blog of the similar Google Earth service.

"The end result of this new update is that Google Maps and Google Earth are coming closer together in many respects," he wrote.

The idea is to let users

pinpoint specific landmarks and attach associated pictures to them.

For example, a family could chart their cross-country trip on Google Maps and post an image of each location. Users can choose whether to make their maps public or private.

Maps can be customized by specifying the scale of the map, the order the landmarks appear in the sidebar, and even the design of the landmark icons on the map. Every user-created map can be toggled between map and satellite views.

In the past, Google

has customized its online maps service by creating specialized maps for events like the 2006 election and the World Cup. My Maps is effectively the same thing, bringing the customization feature to individual users for the first time.

*Internet*



*A screenshot of maps.google.com, taken on 5 April, 2007. Google Inc is out to make map-making simpler, giving away tools for ordinary users to pinpoint locations, draw routes and attach photos or video to existing online maps, the company said on Wednesday. — INTERNET*

## Another cyclone kills three in Madagascar

**ANTANANARIVO, 7 April** — A cyclone has killed three people in Madagascar weeks after 80 others died when an earlier storm hit the Indian Ocean island, officials said on Thursday.

Prime Minister Charles Rabemananjara told reporters Cyclone Jaya struck northern Madagascar on Wednesday, flattening homes and destroying plantations, and he launched a one-month fund raising drive to help the victims.

"Half of Sambava Town was devastated," said one local official.

*MNA/Reuters*

# SPORTS



Vasco da Gama fans hold up signs showing "1,000 goals" after Brazilian striker Romario scored his 999th career goal against arch-rivals Flamengo during their Carioca championship soccer match at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro on 25 March, 2007. — XINHUA

## Champions Porto crush Setubal 5-1 to extend lead

LISBON, 7 April — Champions Porto crushed Vitoria Setubal 5-1 to extend their lead at the top of the Portuguese Premier League on Friday to four points over Benfica, who visit bottom club Beira Mar on Monday. Porto went ahead after five minutes when midfielder Jorginho headed in a cross and Brazilian striker Adriano doubled the lead after 16 minutes.

Striker Helder Postiga fired in a low shot into the bottom corner to make it 3-0 after 21 minutes and Adriano notched his second goal with a header 10 minutes before halftime.

Substitute Brazilian striker Anderson completed the rout for Porto on 77 minutes. Midfielder Bruno Ribeiro had scored a consolation goal for struggling Setubal on 61 minutes. Porto's victory was soured by a knee injury sustained by defender Pepe. He was carried off on a stretcher and could be out of action for some time.

MNA/Reuters



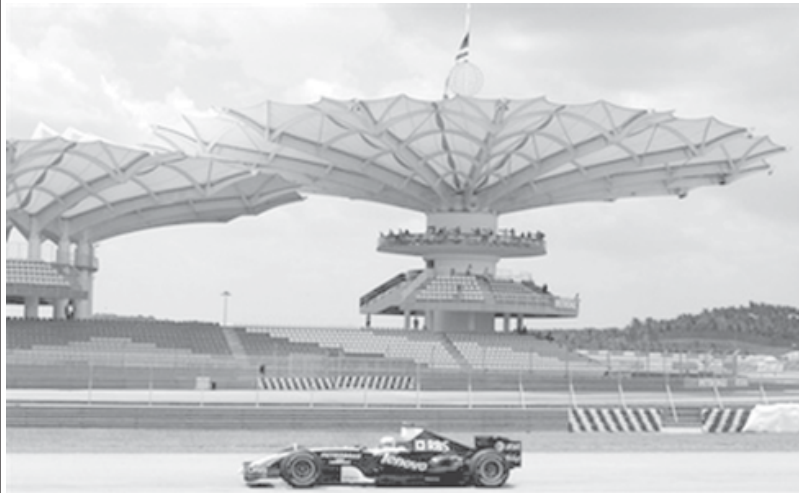
Thailand's Pongsaklek Wongjongkam greets Japan's Tomonobu Shimizu (R) after their WBC flyweight title bout in Tabkwang district, Saraburi Province, northeastern of Bangkok, on 6 April, 2007. — INTERNET

## Four goal Everton go fifth by beating Fulham

LONDON, 7 April — Everton moved up two places to fifth in the English Premier League with a 4-1 win over Fulham on Friday. Fulham led on 22 minutes when Carlos Bocanegra headed in a corner but Lee Carsley scored from a left-wing cross two minutes later and Alan Stubbs headed home after a free kick in the 34th.

James Vaughan made it 3-1 just before halftime and substitute Victor Anichebe wrapped it up 10 minutes from time.

Earlier, mid-table Manchester City were held 0-0 by Charlton Athletic who moved out of the bottom three for the first time since September. — MNA/Reuters



Germany's Nico Rosberg steers his Williams during a practice session for Sunday's Formula One Malaysian Grand Prix at Sepang International Circuit in Sepang, Malaysia, on 6 April, 2007. — INTERNET

## Haas beats Vliegen, Germany lead Belgium 1-0

OSTEND (Belgium), 7 April — Germany's Tommy Haas came from behind to defeat Belgium's Kristof Vliegen 6-7, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2 on Friday in the opening rubber of their Davis Cup world group quarterfinal tie.

Vliegen, who upset former Wimbledon champion Lleyton Hewitt of Australia in the last round, looked on course to repeat his heroic feat when he took the opening set on a tie-break.

World number 10 Haas, however, began to settle and took control of the second set before levelling matters. Haas eventually proved too strong for the Belgian, ranked 41 places below him, and raced to take the next three sets and secure the rubber.

Olivier Rochus will take to the indoor clay court for the home team later on Friday's against Philipp Kohlschreiber in the second singles match.

France or last year's champions Russia await the winners of this tie in the semifinals. — MNA/Reuters

## Mathieu beats Davydenko to give France Davis Cup lead

MOSCOW, 7 April — Paul-Henri Mathieu beat world number four Nikolay Davydenko 2-6, 6-2, 6-1, 7-5 to give France a 1-0 lead over defending champions Russia in their Davis Cup world group

quarterfinal on Friday. After Davydenko had swept through the first set, Mathieu bounced back with a vengeance, firing short, sharp strokes to level the score.

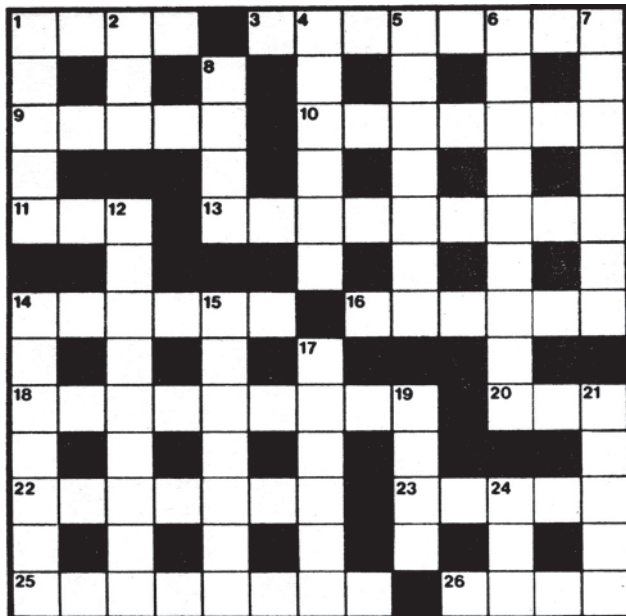
The Frenchman, ranked 56th in the world, kicked off the third set by sending the ball skilfully all around the court and forcing Davydenko to chase it.

Looking exasperated, the hosts' highest-ranked player upped his game but it was too late to make a difference and Davydenko lost a tense fourth set.

Mathieu said he had enjoyed the atmosphere in Moscow's Luzhniki arena. "There are almost more French fans than Russians, it's great," he said of the sparse but noisy audience.

MNA/Reuters

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Sound of car-horn
- 3 Mended
- 9 One the move
- 10 Make lame
- 11 Female pig
- 13 Gave up hope
- 14 Venice (anag.)
- 16 Aft
- 18 Sweetheart of Harlequin
- 20 Proverb
- 22 Offer marriage
- 23 Ointment
- 25 Expansion
- 26 Way out

### DOWN

- 1 Metal alloy
- 2 Consume
- 4 Exonerate
- 5 Beasts
- 6 Newspapermen
- 7 Famous porcelain
- 8 Grating
- 12 Eddy
- 14 Fled from danger
- 15 Console, cheer
- 17 Dramatist
- 19 Simple
- 21 Cereal
- 24 Slack, loose

## Caracas eliminate River Plate in Libertadores Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 April — Caracas FC beat former Libertadores Cup champions River Plate 3-1 to dump the Argentines out of the competition despite having had four players suspended on the eve of the match.

The Venezuelans, forced to play away from their own stadium under a controversial ruling, qualified from Group Six at River's expense after beating them for the second time in Thursday's late game in the Colombian border town of Cucuta. Caracas' 1-0 win at River Plate last month was the first by a Venezuelan side in Argentina in the competition's 47-year history.

River's elimination is almost certain to lead to speculation about the future of coach Daniel Passarella, who captained Argentina's World Cup-

winning team in 1978 and was their coach in France 20 years later.

Chilean champions Colo Colo, who also qualified thanks to Thursday's result, and Caracas have nine points from five games while River have five, alongside Ecuador's LDU.

MNA/Reuters

Crew members of America's Cup defender Alinghi clean the boat at the team's base after the third day of racing is cancelled at the Valencia Louis Vuitton Act 13 fleet race competition in Valencia on 5 April, 2007.

XINHUA



# Premiership

7 April, 2007

Chelsea	1-0	Tottenham
Arsenal	0-1	West Ham
Sheff Utd	1-2	Newcastle
Reading	1-2	Liverpool
Wigan	1-3	Bolton
Middlesbrough	4-1	Watford
Blackburn	1-2	Aston Villa
Portsmouth	2-1	Man Utd

Internet



Chelsea's Frank Lampard, left, and Tottenham Hotspur's Steed Malbranque compete for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge Stadium in London, on Saturday 7 April, 2007.

INTERNET

# Carvalho strike gives Chelsea hope

LONDON, 7 April — A rare goal from central defender Ricardo Carvalho could prove priceless in the Premier League title race as it gave Chelsea a 1-0 win over Tottenham Hotspur in the early kickoff on Saturday.

The three points sees Chelsea close the gap on leaders Manchester United to three points ahead of United's visit to Portsmouth later in the afternoon. Tottenham stay seventh.

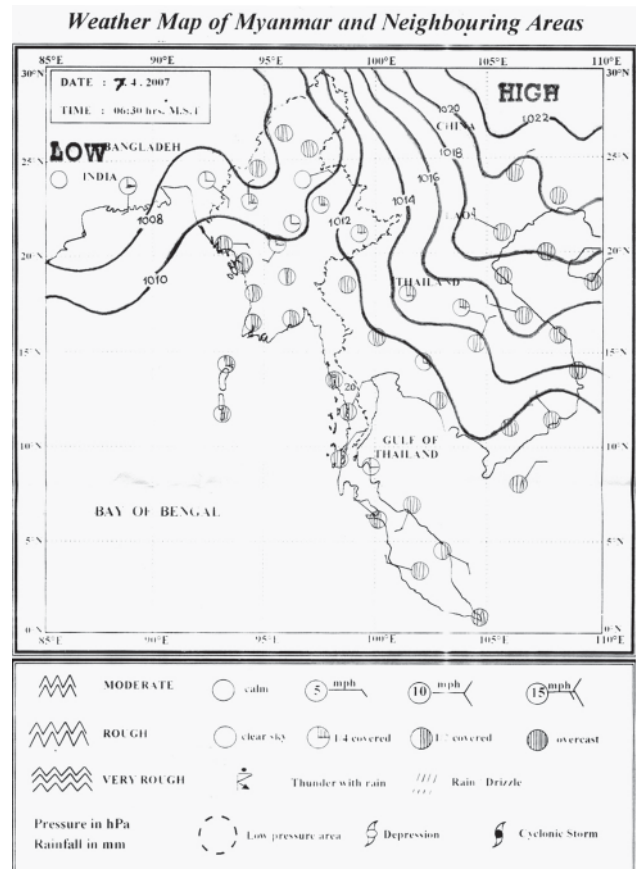
"If United play well they will win, if they play badly they will probably get a penalty and still win," Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho mischievously told *Sky Sports*.

"They have been lucky with the fixtures always playing before us until today. They are lucky they are not playing us next week here," added Mourinho, in reference to

the potential title decider that has been put back to the penultimate match of the season because of the FA Cup semifinals.

Carvalho struck with a 52nd minute long range effort that eluded Tottenham goalkeeper Paul Robinson, who looked to be unsighted by his defense.

Internet



## WEATHER

Saturday, 7 April, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kachin State and Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu, Thayawady and Myinmu (44°C) each, Magway, NyaungU, Chauk and Magway (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (0.79) inch and Machanbaw (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 6-4-2007 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 7-4-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 7-4-2007 was 68%. Total sunshine hours on 6-4-2007 was (9.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 7-4-2007 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 (11:30) hours MST on 6-4-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 8-4-2007:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 8-4-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 8-4-2007:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 8-4-2007:** Partly cloudy.

### Earthquake report

(Issued at 17:30 hours MST today)

A moderate earthquake at intensity (5.7) on Richter scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (960) miles southwest of Kaba-Aye Selsmological observctory was recorded at (16) hrs: (25) min: (07)sec: MST on 7th April 2007.



Sunday, 8 April  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Super star ... Carpenters
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: Congratulations ... Cliff Richard
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -We all right ... Santana
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar
- 9:20 am Music: -All along the watch tower ... Bot Dylan
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Children's delights (story)
- 1:50pm Songs for children
- 9:00pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Music/ LIETS -Angel eyes ... Ace of Base -Out of time ... Blus
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Sunday, 8 April  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မောရဋ္ဌ ဝုရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မောရဋ္ဌမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
  2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
  5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာ
- 8:00 am
  6. လှပခန့်ညား ဖျာပုံတံတား
- 8:15 am
  7. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 8:30 am
  8. International news
- 8:45 am
  9. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
  1. Martial song
- 11:15 am
  2. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 11:25 am
  3. Round up of the week's international news
- 11:40 am
  4. Yan Can Cook
- 11:55 pm
  5. Myanmar movie: "မောင်တို့ချယ်ရီမြေ" (ဝင်းဦး၊ ခင်သန်းနု) (ခါရိုက်တာ-ဦးတင်ယု)
- 2:00 pm
  6. သာဓုခေါ်ဆိုဖွယ် အလင်း အလှူတော်မင်္ဂလာ
- 2:15 pm
  7. "မနိုင်သောအရုံး" (ဟက်ကတ်၊ ဇင်ရဲထက်၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်) (ခါရိုက်တာ-အေဝမ်း မောင်လှမျိုး)
- 2:30 pm
  8. ကွန်ချောင်းရေလှောင်တံ
- 2:45 pm
  9. International news
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
  3. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 4:45 pm
  4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (စိတ်ပညာ အထူးပြု) (စိတ်ပညာ)
- 5:00 pm
  5. Song of national races
- 5:10 pm
  6. မြန်မာရိုးရာနှစ်သစ်ကူးမဟာ သင်္ကြန်(၁၃၆၇ခုနှစ်၊ နှောင်းတန်ခူးလပြည့်ကျော် (၁)ရက်၊ မဟာသင်္ကြန် အကြွေနေ့)
- 5:20 pm
  7. "သစ်ရွက်ဆွေးသာဘဝ မြေပြေပြေလှလှသုံးစွဲပါ" (ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း) (ခါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)
- 5:25 pm
  8. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm
  9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  11. သီရိဓမ္မာ
- 7:00 pm
  12. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 7:15 pm
  13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမားတော်"(အပိုင်း-၂၇)
- 8:00 pm
  14. News
- 8:00 pm
  15. International news
- 8:00 pm
  16. Weather report
- 8:00 pm
  17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ပန်းနှင်းဆီ" (အပိုင်း-၈)
- 8:00 pm
  18. The next day's programme

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# Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects construction, development tasks in Mawlamyine, Thaton



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects Kadaik Dam in Paung Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, attended the physic nut nurturing ceremony of South-East Command in Mawlamyine on 4 April morning.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo visited the bio-diesel factory of the command headquarters, and viewed a demonstration on running of agricultural equipment and generators with the use of bio-diesel. He viewed physic nut seeds, physic nut crude oil, purified physic nut oil and bio-diesel.

They inspected progress in extension of No 5 Strand Road near Thanlwin Market in Mawlamyine.

They looked into the port of Thanlwin River and the jetty. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party viewed production process of Fish and Prawn Cold Storage of Mawlamyine Holdings Ltd.

At Mawlamyine General Hospital, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with the medical superintendent and health staff. (See page 7)

## Government giving priority to development of literary world for serving national interest

### Prizes awarded to outstanding staff, winners of Myawady literary and photographic contests

YANGON, 7 April — The prize presentation ceremony to mark the 12th Anniversary Myawady TV was held at Myawady TV Broadcasting Unit in Hmawby this evening, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Maj-Gen Hla Shwe of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers, responsible persons of Myanmar

Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Photographic Society, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon, prize winners and guests.

In his address, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that the media such as periodicals and TV are essential for the people. Of them, TV is the most effective tool which can make people know a series of world events in a short time. Some big countries forcibly put their idea, concepts, social system and culture into the (See page 7)



Lt-Gen Myint Swe speaks at prize presentation ceremony to mark 12th Anniversary Myawady TV.—MNA

## 34 members resign from Kyonpyaw Township NLD

YANGON, 7 April—Altogether 34 members of Kyonpyaw Township National League for Democracy, Ayeyawady Division including Joint-Secretary U Win Tin, members U Tun Sein, U Win Than, U San Wai Hlyan, U Win Soe, U Maung Than, U Aung Maung Tin, U Hla Phone, U Tun Myint and U Ngwe Nyan, resigned from the party of their own accord on 20 March, sending letters of resignation to the NLD (Headquarters) and local authorities concerned.

In the letters of resignation to the Kyonpyaw Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Su-commission, they said that they resigned from the party of their own accord as they no longer took interest in the party as well as in carrying out the party's activities.—MNA

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The attitude of Myanmar people at present is different from that before 1988. Myanmar's mentality has changed with the passing of time. Myanmar people have already known that staging a demonstration on a street is not to be termed as courageous; that courage is the self-less act of serving the interest of the nation and the people and that its force is the indivisible unity. The act of Htin Kyaw to popularize himself and the incitation of foreign media are like drawing a picture on water.