

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

**Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects agriculture, construction tasks in Thaton District
Farmers in Mon State to carry out double cropping to meet target of one million acres of paddy**



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence opens new building of self-reliant library in Sittoung Model Village in Kyaikto Township.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and officials, went to summer paddy fields in Myatsan Village of Htaunghmu Village tract in Thaton Township on 5 April. Lt-Gen Maung Bo met local farmers and gave instructions on extended cultivation and boosting production of summer paddy.

They viewed cultivation of rubber at the farm of Shwe Yaung Pya Rubber Farm of Max Myanmar Co Ltd in Bilin Township. Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged officials to complete cultivation of 3,000 acres of rubber in 2007-08 and create job opportunities for local people. At Zwegalar Village in Bilin Township, they met with local farmers and discussed extended cultivation and boosting production of summer paddy. Departmental officials submitted reports on cultivation of summer paddy, local food sufficiency and

irrigation facilities. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo viewed operating of the thresher. At the town hall in Kyaikto, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party met with local authorities, departmental personnel, social organization members and townsenders. In his instructions, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said Kyaikto and Bilin Townships have fertile lands to grow paddy. Emphasis is to be placed on rice sufficiency in the region. Farmers in Mon State are to carry out double cropping to meet the target of one million acres

of paddy. Afterwards, they left Kyaikto and inspected

thriving rubber plantations on either side of Kyaikto-Kinmonsakhan Road. At

the briefing hall of the district-to-district road No 2 (See page 7)

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- * **Min Ko Naing, you should discuss ways and means for the development of the nation and take part in the national development tasks whatever role you are in. Getting involved in movements and campaigns instead of doing so is against the people's aspiration to national development.**
- * **Min Ko Naing, in my youth, my classmates and I cried out in chorus "Where have you been, Maung Yay Khe?". Now, the entire national people are asking where you are going now, Min Ko Naing.**

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NGAR MIN SWE

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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 9 April, 2007

Determined to eradicate dangerous diseases

The government is implementing the 30-year National Health Long-Term Plan for provision of health care services to the entire people. For the people to live in healthy atmosphere, the government formulated programmes for availability of safe water and raising of their health standard in the rural development plan.

Conservation of environment, clean atmosphere and safe water contribute towards the raising of health and social standards of the people.

In the world today, like tuberculosis and malaria, new diseases such as AIDS, SARS and bird flu are threatening the mankind as a health hazard.

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

In combating HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria as national concern, the government is cooperating with local and international organizations. As a result, the objectives have been achieved.

Myanmar is determined to combat dangerous diseases until they are eradicated from Myanma soil in cooperation with UN agencies, friendly nations and international and local social organizations.



Visitors view the booth displayed at products fair 2007 of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road on 8 April. (News Reported) — MWEA

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

Electric Power No 2 Minister meets Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met Chairman Dr Li Hejun of Farsighted Group of the People's Republic of China and party at the minister's office, here, on 5 April.

Present also were Director-General Dr U

Thein Tun of Electric Power Department, Managing Director Dr San Oo of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Deputy Director-General U Saw Win of Electric Power Department and officials.

They discussed cooperation on electric power sector between Myanmar and the PRC.— MNA

WVO COC member performs rural development tasks in Katha District

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — Member of the Central Organizing Committee of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint met with members of Banmawk Township WVO and opened small hydropower station of Pauknet village in the township on 2 April. The minister offered provisions to the Sayadaw of the village and presented exercise books and sports gear for village post-primary school.

In Indaw Township, the minister inspected progress of Shwe Innthar gyms and gave necessary instructions to members of Indaw Township WVO. He also attended the opening ceremony of new school building for Kamnee village affiliated primary school and presented exercise books and sports gear for the school.

Next, the minister visited Katha District

sports ground in Katha and met with trainees of physical training course.

The member of central organizing committee of WVO met with members of Katha Township WVO at the office of the organization and fulfilled the requirements. He also attended the opening ceremony of rural development centre in the township and presented a set of TV, exercise books, sports gear and publications for the centre.

In Htigyain Township, the minister gave necessary instructions to members of township WVO. Next, he inspected retaining wall of Ayeyawady River and presented gifts to those who took part in the construction tasks.

Later, the minister attended the opening ceremony of rural development centre and earth road in Katha Township. — MNA

Deputy Minister inspects carriages and locomotives under construction

YANGON, 7 April— Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin on 6 April inspected the building of air suspension bogie to be installed at advanced passenger carriages and installation of machines for producing of coil springs at the carriage and wagon workshop in Myitnge.

At the workshop, the deputy minister met with the officials and stressed the need to strive for successful realization of the objectives, to conduct training courses for staff to keep pace with advanced technology, to open e-library for acquisition of reference books, to hold discussions with those



Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin inspects passenger and wagon carriage workshop in Myitnge.— RAIL TRANSPORTATION

from technological universities and experienced ones in order to keep abreast of modern technology, to minimize loss and wastage and to run the factory at full capacity.

In the afternoon, the deputy minister proceeded to Ywahtaung Locomotive Shed where he inspected diesel engines under repair and construction of new locomo-

tives and gave instructions on running the factory at full capacity, making assessments on work carried out and training staff to improve their capability.—MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

'Fish Man' completes Amazon River swim

BELEM (Brazil), 8 April — A Slovenian man has become the first person to swim the entire length of South America's Amazon River.

Martin Strel, 52, completed the 5,265-kilometre swim from Peru to Brazil in 66 days. After more than two months withstanding the best the Amazon could throw at him, the man they call 'Fish Man' defied doctor's orders by completing his latest marathon swim today. He arrived in the northern Brazilian city of Belem suffering from dizziness, nausea, diarrhoea and sunstroke.

He averaged nearly 85 kilometres each day and was sometimes in such pain he had to be helped from the water. The Amazon is home to animals including piranhas, crocodiles and anacondas but Mr Strel says they had "just accepted him".

He already holds world records for swimming the Danube, Yangtze and Mississippi Rivers and *Guinness World Records* is expected to verify his latest feat within weeks.—*Internet*



Pupils play Chinese chess on a giant chessboard, moving the pieces of their size in Liuzhou, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 6 April, 2007. Each chess piece weighs 15 kilograms. — XINHUA

Two injured in explosion at US oil well

WASHINGTON, 7 April — Two workers were injured Friday morning in an explosion at an oil well in eastern Tennessee, a state in southern United States, US media reported.

The explosion sent

smoke in the sky over eastern Tennessee, a rural area dotted with small oil and gas wells but without many homes. The new well was owned by Atlas America Inc., and a company spokesman said

the workers were drilling for oil and hit a gas pocket.

Firefighters and a rescue team rushed to the site of the explosion, and the cause of the blast was under investigation.

MNA/Xinhua

China-made jumbo aircraft to be assembled in Shanghai, Xi'an



An ideal image of China's home-developed jumbo aircraft. XINHUA

XI'AN, 7 April — A Chinese official said here on Friday that home-developed jumbo aircraft will eventually be assembled in both Shanghai and Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

Though the project is still in the initial planning phase, Xi'an is expected to shoulder about 50 per cent

and 60 per cent of the workload in manufacturing jumbo airliners and airfreighters respectively, said Jin Qiansheng, deputy director of the administrative committee of Xi'an Yanliang State Aviation High-tech Industry Base. The Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence disclosed that

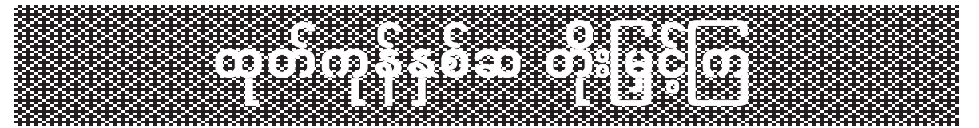
Shanghai will be the assembly base when it announced last week that the country would launch jumbo aircraft manufacturing.

"Yanliang is the only state-level aviation industry base, and it has China's strongest research and development force in the aviation sector. It will play an important role in

developing the country's own jumbo aircraft," Jin said at an ongoing investment and trade forum in Xi'an.

A jumbo aircraft is an airfreighter with a take-off weight of more than 100 tons or an airliner with more than 150 seats. However, Jin said China will need at least another 10 years before it could make the first jumbo.

Only the United States, Russia, France, Germany, Britain and Spain currently have the ability to build jumbo aircraft, with Boeing and Airbus taking the lion's share of the international market.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Rajendra Pachauri, chairman of UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, delivers a speech at the end of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in Brussels, on 6 April, 2007. — XINHUA

Captain charged over sinking of cruise ship

ATHENS, 8 April — A Greek prosecutor yesterday pressed negligence charges against the captain and five officers of a cruise ship that sank off the island of Santorini in the Aegean Sea.

The six officers were charged with causing a shipwreck through negli-

gence, breaching international shipping safety regulations and polluting the environment, although all were released from custody pending further investigations.

If convicted, the officers face a maximum five-year sentence.

Two French passengers are missing following the sinking of the *Sea Diamond*, which hit rocks on Thursday and foundered off the coast of the Greek island. The rest of the 1,154 passengers and 391 crew were safely evacuated. The captain, chief mate, second mate, third mate, chief cabin steward and housekeeper

of the Greek-flagged vessel were arrested after the accident.

The 469ft vessel hit a well-marked and charted reef in fair weather inside Santorini's sea-filled crater, a popular tourist destination. The ship had been due to dock a few minutes later.

A Merchant Marine Ministry spokeswoman said the captain and the five others were due to appear before the prosecutor on the nearby island of Naxos. "The testimony process has started, and the prosecutor is examining all the documents from the initial investigation," she said.—*Internet*



Space tourist Charles Simonyi of the US (C) and cosmonauts Fyodor Yurchikhin (top) and Oleg Kotov of Russia wave before boarding in spacecraft at the Baikonur cosmodrome on 7 April, 2007. — INTERNET



Li Man, the actress has become famous by starring in the film "Curse of the Golden Flower". Li Man, known to audiences as the new successor of lead actress in Zhang Yimou's movies, is currently busy shooting a new TV series called "Reverie Heaven."

INTERNET

Siamese twin sisters survive separation surgery in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 7 April — A pair of two-month-old twin girls, who were born joined at the chest and abdomen, were successfully separated Friday after a three-hour operation in a Shanghai hospital.

Doctors with the Children's Hospital of Fudan University said the twins, who are under 24-hour observation in the ICU, are in a stable condition and one of them is able to breathe without

the aid of machine. "If the situation of the two baby girls continues to improve for the next two or three days, then they can be transferred to the ordinary ward," said Zheng Shan, vice-president of the hospital who conducted

the operation.

The children's mother and their grandfather named the two girls Liu Shenxin and Liu Shenjia respectively after the operation ended around 13:25 on Friday. "We did so because 'Shen' is

another name for Shanghai and we hope the two girls will remember that it was the doctors in Shanghai who gave them a second life," said the sisters' mother, who just gave her surname as Nie.— MNA/Xinhua



In this photo released by China's official Xinhua news agency, a nurse puts clothes on the Siamese twins at the Children's Hospital of Fudan University in Shanghai, east China, on 5 April, 2007. — INTERNET

French fighter jet crashes in Chad

PARIS, 6 April— A French fighter jet crashed in an accident in northern Chad on Thursday but neither the pilot nor people on the ground were hurt, France's Defence Ministry said on Thursday.

The *Mirage F1* jet crashed in an uninhabited area south of the town of Faya-Largeau at around 0820 GMT during a planned reconnaissance mission, the ministry said

in a statement.

"The pilot has been recovered safe and sound," it said, adding that the cause was accidental but had yet to be determined.

Defence Ministry spokesman Jean-Francois Bureau said the plane had been refuelling.

"It is apparently at the end of a refuelling operation that the accident happened," he said.

France has signed a

military cooperation agreement with Chadian President Idriss Deby's government, under which it provides intelligence and logistical support.

MNA/Reuters

Two US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 April — The US military announced Friday the killing of two of its soldiers and wounding of three others in two incidents Thursday.

A soldier was killed and another was wounded in shooting incident in Iraq's northern province of Kirkuk, the military said in a statement.

The incident is under investigation, the statement added.

Earlier in the day, another statement said that a soldier was killed and two others wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near a military vehicle in Diyala Province.

More than 3,265 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

Gunmen kill 10 Iraqi soldiers in northern Iraq

MOSUL (Iraq), 6 April — Gunmen attacked an Iraqi Army checkpoint near the northern city of Mosul on Thursday, killing ten soldiers and wounding one, local police source told *Xinhua*.

Over 40 gunmen stormed a checkpoint

manned by 11 Iraqi Army soldiers on main road between Badosh and Kesik areas, west of Mosul, the source said on condition of anonymity. The attack resulted in the killing of 10 soldiers and wounding another, the source said, adding that the attackers fled the scene before US and

Iraqi troops arrived the area. The Iraqi Government kicked off on Tuesday a security plan dubbed Operation Imposing Law in the city as a continuation of the security plan launched on 14 February in Baghdad.

"The plan will include setting up checkpoints in and outside Mosul, raiding gunmen's hide-outs and gaining security for the city's hot spots," the governor of Mosul, Duraiyd Kashmoulah said.

Mosul, the capital city of the predominantly Sunni province of Nineveh, is some 400 kilometres north of the Iraqi capital.

MNA/Xinhua

US probing possible "friendly fire" deaths in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 6 April — Two US soldiers killed in Iraq in February may have been killed by "friendly fire" rather than by enemy fire as initially reported, the US Army said on Wednesday.

Special Alan McPeck and Private Matthew Zeimer were killed on 2 February during combat operations in Iraq's al Anbar Province.

Initially, the families of both soldiers were notified that they had been killed during an engagement with the enemy.

The families were not informed until 31 March that the soldiers may have been killed in a friendly fire incident, an Army statement said.

"Following the initial report, additional analysis indicated the possibility

that the two soldiers killed in action were killed as a result of friendly fire," the statement said.

The Army now is investigating the circumstances of the deaths as a possible friendly fire incident, the statement said.

The case is reminiscent of the death of US Army Ranger and former professional football star Pat Tillman in Afghanistan in April 2004.

The Army initially told Tillman's family he was killed by enemy fire and did not alter that account until a month later, even though officers quickly knew that he was likely killed by US troops, the Pentagon's acting inspector-general said last month.

MNA/Reuters



New Jersey State Police search the area around a PNC Bank where an FBI agent was killed during a shootout in connection with a bank robbery in Readington, New Jersey on 5 April, 2007. Agents have two suspects in custody while they search for a third, who fled the scene, according to local media reports. All are wanted in connection to multiple bank robberies in the area. — INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Chinese enterprise to develop real estate projects in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 7 April — An enterprise from China's Yunnan Province here on Friday signed two agreements with its Cambodian partner to co-develop two real estate projects in Phnom Penh and Sihanoukville.

Yin Tengyun and Lau Ming Kan, respectively on behalf of Yunnan Southeast Asia Economy and Technology Investment Industrials and Cambodia's Shukaku Company, signed these agreements in presence of Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Sok An, Cambodian Minister of Commerce Cham Prasidh, Governor of China's Yunnan Province Qin Guangrong, and Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia Zhang Jinfeng.

The signing ceremony was held on the sidelines of the one-day China (Yunnan) — Cambodia Investment and Trade Fair, which attracted some 400 participants from both

governments and business arenas to seek cooperation.

Under the agreements, the two sides will cooperate to develop the Boeng Kak Lake area in Phnom Penh into a multi-purpose living and

recreation centre called the New City of East, and establish an eco-garden in Sihanoukville for tourism and other commercial uses.

Details of these agreements were not disclosed.—MNA/Xinhua



Tourist and traffic make their way along Patong Beach road in Phuket, Thailand, in this 23 Dec, 2005 file photo. A test of a tsunami warning system on Thailand's resort island of Phuket was successfully conducted on 7 April, 2007. More tests from a signal tower in Phuket, 680 kilometres (420 miles) south of Bangkok, will be conducted daily for several days to ensure that the warning system is ready to operate in the case of a real disaster. — INTERNET



Protesters march during a rally against the free trade agreement (FTA) talks between the US and South Korea in Seoul on 7 April, 2007. The sign reads, "FTA talks between the US and South Korea are a perfect invalidation".

INTERNET

Zimbabwean steel giant resumes production

HARARE, 7 April — Zimbabwe's steel giant Ziscosteel has resumed production after three months of inactivity, the company's spokesperson Augustine Timbe said on Thursday. According to *The Herald* on Friday, steel last rolled from the Redcliff-based steelmaker's plant during the first week of

December last year due to coal shortages.

This was the first time that Ziscosteel has had to completely shut down its operations, the newspaper said. Only blast furnace No 4 has been operational in the last few years. Blast furnaces one, two, and three ceased operations some years ago. They now need substantial investment to resuscitate them.

Zimbabwe's sole steel producer is currently sitting on a debt of 220 million US dollars, the newspaper said.

Apart from perennial furnace breakdowns, Ziscosteel has been plagued by debt arrears, which last year forced Hwange coal mines to temporarily cut coal supplies to the state-owned company.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexico City opens three more artificial beaches for low-income residents

MEXICO CITY, 7 April — Mexico City on Thursday opened three more artificial beaches aiming to give low-income residents a taste of the pleasures they could otherwise not afford in Easter Week.

The three beaches were

opened in the northeastern Gustavo A. Madero District, the eastern district of Iztacalco and Azcapotzalco, in the north of the city.

The city inaugurated its first artificial beach on Tuesday, when Mayor Marcelo Ebrard attended

the opening ceremony in the Olympic Village, created for the 1968 Olympics, in the southern district of Tlalpan.

The beaches are modelled on others pioneered in France, Italy, Germany and Japan, and were made with 130 tons of sand brought from Boca del Rio in the eastern Mexican state of Veracruz. Each beach has been designed to entertain holiday makers with artificial sea breezes, 30-centimetre deep sand and live music on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Gustavo A. Madero beach covers four hectares with a 1.8-metre deep pool measuring 1,600 square metres, with capacity for up to 5,000 people.

The Iztacalco beach has two pools with capacity for 3,000.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai auto parts makers told must boost competitiveness

BANGKOK, 7 April — Thai auto parts manufacturers must improve their competitiveness as automobile producers have changed production strategies, said a senior Industry Ministry official.

Atchaka Brimble, director-general of the Industrial Economics Office, said several countries, including China and Vietnam, were now taking advantage of cheaper wages while auto producers had also adopted "global sourcing" production, or ordering parts more cheaply from around the world.

Producers in these coun-

tries have also switched to buying goods on a "make to order" basis, designing cars in which major parts could be used interchangeably, even as the relocation of Japan's one-tonne truck production has now been completely transferred to Thailand, Mrs Atchaka said.

Internet



Snow covers lingering cherry blossoms after a rare April snowfall hit the nation's capital in Washington on 7 April, 2007. — INTERNET



A locomotive guides a cargo ship through the Miraflores Locks in Panama City, on 5 April, 2007. — INTERNET

Los Angeles to turn human waste into electricity

LOS ANGELES, 7 April — Construction began Thursday on a power plant near the Port of Los Angeles that is to turn human waste into enough electricity to power 3,000 homes, officials said.

“This renewable energy project is pioneering the use of new

technologies to convert biosolids into green, renewable energy, giving us a cleaner environment and producing economic benefits in the millions,” Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said at the groundbreaking ceremony.

“It’s green and it will earn us green,” he told a

crowd of city officials and environmental activists who were on hand to break ground for the Terminal Island Renewable Energy project.

The project calls for placing so-called “biosolids” in depleted oil and gas reservoirs more than a mile beneath the city’s Terminal Island Plant.

The waste will emit methane gas, which will be burned to generate electricity, according to the Los Angeles Public Works Department.

The process will also produce carbon dioxide, but up to 82,000 tons of greenhouse gas will remain trapped below ground, according to the department.

When completed, the facility is expected to produce about 3.5 megawatts of electricity, which is enough to power 3,000 homes for a year, valued at about 2.4 million dollars, according to the department.

Terralong Technologies USA developed the project with input from the Public Works Department. —MNA/Xinhua



The Piton de la Fournaise volcano on the Indian Ocean Island of Reunion has spewed massive lava flow and tossed magma as high as skyscrapers, but residents were not in danger.— INTERNET



Folk dancers perform a traditional Chinese dragon dance during a dress rehearsal in Luoyang, China’s central Henan Province, on 6 April, 2007. The dancers will attempt to break a Guinness world record with a 5,056-metre-long handmade dragon at the opening ceremony of a local festival on 10th April. — INTERNET

Bus crash kills 27 on first day of Easter holidays in Colombia

BOGOTA, 7 April — A bus crashed on its way to the Caribbean tourist port of Santa Marta in northern Colombia on Thursday, killing 27 people, including six

children, local police said.

A rear tyre blew out on the bus, causing the vehicle to flip over, and the fuel tank exploded, enveloping the bus in flames, local Caracol radio

quoted police General Guillermo Aranda as saying.

The crash killed 21 adults and six children. The bus had been modified to carry up to 45 passengers as well as cargo, although the number of people aboard the bus remained unknown, Aranda said.

Colombians began their Easter holidays on Thursday, and lots of people heading for places like Santa Marta, which is famous for its beaches. However, traffic accidents have become a serious problem for this mainly Roman Catholic country, since overloaded buses and cars use winding roads and mountainous highways.

MNA/Xinhua



An alpinist on a skiing tour makes his way over snow to the 2640 metre high peak of the Rossfallenspizze over the Rhinevalley of Chur, Switzerland, on 7 April, 2007. Fantastic weather conditions attracted many alpinists to The Alps.— INTERNET

Cambodian girl dies of bird flu

PHNOM PENH, 7 April — The Cambodian Ministry of Health confirmed Friday that a 13-year-old girl from Ponhea Kreak District in Kampong Cham Province, which borders Vietnam, died of bird flu on Thursday.

This has been the seventh victim of the epidemic for the kingdom, a joint statement by the ministry and the World Health Organization (WHO) said, adding that it is the first case of avian influenza detected in Cambodia in 2007.

The girl became ill with a fever and diarrhoea on 2 April and was brought to a local hospital the following day, the statement said. Her condition then became

worse, as she developed a cough with shortness of breath, it said, adding that she was referred to Kantha Bopha Hospital in Phnom Penh on 4 April.

The girl died at noon on

Thursday and her samples were tested positive for the influenza A/H5N1 virus at the Pasteur Institute of Cambodia in Phnom Penh, according to the statement.

MNA/Xinhua



People look at the wreckage of a crashed trainer aircraft near a residential area on the outskirts of Jakarta on 7 April, 2007. The three people on board were injured and have been taken to a nearby hospital, according to local media. — INTERNET

Hundreds struck by mystery illness in Mexico religious school

MEXICO CITY, 7 April — Hundreds of girls at a Mexican boarding school run by Catholic nuns have been struck by a mystery illness that authorities say is psychological, raising questions about conditions inside the academy.

Headmistress Margie Cheong, a nun from South Korea, said on Friday it was unclear what had caused the symptoms, which include difficulty walking and nausea.

“We really don’t know the cause, but the diagnosis by health authorities is of a psychological ailment,” Cheong said.

Some 600 of the 4,000 girls at the Villa de las Ninas school had been affected, she said, and 300 children had left the school, which offers a free secondary education to children from poor families.

MNA/Reuters

A&I Ministry holds 15th communal ordination and novitiation ceremony



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo donates provisions to a Sayadaw.— A & I

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation held its 15th communal ordination and novitiation ceremony at the ministry, here, yesterday.

Firstly, the congregation received Nine Precepts from Pyinmana Township Sangha Nayaka

Committee Secretary Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indavudha of Maha Leti Sankyaung monastery.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and departmental heads offered provisions to the members of the Sangha.

Later, those present

shared the merit gained.

At the 15th communal ordination and novitiation ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw, 20 men were ordained and nine boys novitiated. A total of 167 men were ordained and 40 boys novitiated at the monasteries in Yangon.

MNA

Myanmar delegation arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun arrived back here by air today after attending 11th ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting held in Thailand on 4 and 5 April.

The minister and party attended 11th ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting at Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi on 4 April. They

exchanged views on ASEAN Economic Community and Blueprint of Infrastructure Development Financial Mechanism. The meeting continued on 5 April. The finance ministers held comprehensive discussions on current economic developments in the region, ASEAN economic community, strengthening capital market and

cooperative measures in revenues.

The press conference was held after passing the joint communique. The minister was accompanied by Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Director Daw Ohnma Sein and Deputy Director U Min Htut of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

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Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun poses together with Finance Ministers of ASEAN at 11th ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting.— F & R

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects agriculture...

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(Zigon-Hsindwin section), Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports on placing of laterite on the road section, digging of drains and construction of bridges. Next, they inspected progress of construction tasks. At the milepost 15/3, they viewed the site for construction of Khawa Creek Bridge. On the inspection tour in Kyaikto Township, they inspected rubber farms. Next, they saw over Kyonmaku Creek Bridge

in Winkan Village.

They proceeded to Tanaw Dam Project site near Sittoung Paper Factory, and inspected construction of earth embankment.

Tanaw Dam is under construction to supply 9.5 million gallons of water a day to Sittoung Paper Factory and surrounding areas in Kyaikto Township. They also viewed progress of Moppalin Bridge (Moppalin) Project.

On 6 April, they attended the ceremony to open the new building of self-reliant village library in Sittoung Model Village. Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveiled the signboard of the library. The commander presented books for the library to responsible persons. Wellwishers and local people built the library spending K 3 million.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo arrived back here by car in the afternoon.

MNA

Coord meeting on boosting production of oil and gas held



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi speaks at coordination meeting to boost production of oil and gas in 2007-08 financial year.— ENERGY

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise held the coordination meeting to boost production of oil and gas in 2007-08 financial year at the hall in Mann Oil Field in Minbu Township on 6 April.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi delivered an address. General Managers of oil fields, directors and the managing director reported on production and arrangements for meeting

the target.

Yesterday morning, the meeting continued. The deputy minister and the director-general of Energy Planning Department and officials reported on their sectors. The minister laid down the future plan to boost oil and gas production and arrangements for exploration in new oil fields.

Accompanied by the deputy minister, the minister inspected Oil Well No 422 in Mann oil field.

The oil well is producing 135 crude oil a day.

In Htauksharbin-Kanni oil field, the minister and party viewed oil well No 734 being undertaken as a joint venture by MOGE and Focus Energy. The minister opened the gas valve of the well to torch the gas. The well produces 2.02 million cubic feet per day.

Next, the minister inspected exploration tasks at well No 741 and attended to the needs. — MNA

Functions of dry day inspection teams supervised

YANGON, 8 April — Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Brig-Gen Myint Soe, departmental officials and members of the Supervisory Committee

supervised the functions of dry day inspection teams at the main points in downtown Yangon today.

The inspection teams checked Dry Day pass, licence of driver,

wheel tax bill, wearing departmental and Tatmadaw uniform and breaking traffic rules from 7 am to 5 pm at the main points here.

MNA

Where are you going Min Ko Naing?

Ngar Min Swe

The 12th of February 2007 was the 60th Anniversary Union Day. My elder daughter was visiting my house that evening. I listened to RFA at 7 pm. The radio station said that the so-called veteran politicians, NLD members and the so-called '88' generation students held a Union Day dinner at Golden Duck restaurant at Pansodan on Strand Road. When I told my elder daughter that I wished to dine at Golden Duck restaurant, she took me there.

A waiter of the restaurant ushered us to the upper floor. I was listening to my pocket radio. As no table was available yet there, we had to wait at the balcony. All the tables at the balcony were also full: **I noticed a table where Myanmar men and women of various ages and foreigners were dining and soon realized that it should be the Union Day dinner party of the so-called veteran politicians.** They all looked at me with wide eyes when I was listening to the BBC programme near them.

Later, a table was available for us; we were placed at the table. I observed the so-called Union Day dinner party from my table. I felt disappointed when I saw white men at the party. The Union Day dinner should be a happy gathering of the national brethren including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine and Shan. In my view, the participation of white men had diminished the essence of Union Day. Foreigners should be invited only to the celebrations like the Independence Day. At the dinner table, foreigners were taking Myanmar beer and Myanmar men

were enjoying Johnny Walker Scotch whisky.

I had never seen the so-called '88' generation students, Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi, Min Zeya, Ko Jimmy, Ko Htay Kywe and so on in person nor their pictures. Now they were at a table very near mine. My sincere wish was to introduce myself to the so-called '88' generation students and enjoy the dinner happily together with them. But the scene of the dinner destroyed my desire. I finished my dishes quickly and left the restaurant at once.

At the end of February, I visited my mother in Kyaikkhami together with my elder sister. I was nervous to visit my native town for I had written in my article "From Ngar Min Swe to Daw Suu Kyi" about the strike and the 1990 election in Kyaikkhami. I have many close friends and relatives in the town. And some of them are NLD members. I was thinking that I would be criticized in Kyaikkhami. Besides, my elder sister's husband is an NLD member. I have to respect and obey her since my childhood. She is six years older than me. She is prospering with her paddy cultivation and rubber farming business. She always provides financial assistance to me whenever I need. I could sigh with relief only when I saw the couple greeting me cordially and happily.

I met with uncle U Aung Tun in Kyaikkhami. The 84-year-old uncle is an elder brother of my father. He is an Independence Mawgun Award (First Grade) winner. He was an AFPFL youth leader during the post-independence period and the Kyaikkhami Township People's Council chairman during the Burma Socialist

Programme Party era. And when the four 8s unrest erupted, he was the strike patron. During the unrest, from microphone I demanded former members of BSPP and People's Council to leave the strike camp in respect of the people's desire — No more party and council members. My uncle was included in those members I had demanded to leave the strike camp. I have presented about the strike in Kyaikkhami in detail in my article "From Ngar Min Swe to Daw Suu Kyi". I was thinking with fear that my uncle would scold me for the article. But, Uncle smiled at me and said "I am proud of you for writing such articles in the dailies." I was very happy to hear his words. My eyes were soaked with tears.

When my uncle left, U Ban Tun, a former colleague of my father visited me. The 75-year-old said, "You could write a lot. But be careful. You might get into trouble." I said, "I don't care whether writing serves or harms my interest." I treated him at a restaurant. Some natives were dining at another table. They warmly greeted me. One of them who is prospering with his rubber farming business said, "You taught us a lesson with a Kayin folklore when we were young, and now you are teaching us more lessons. I took part in all Kyaikkhami Township primary schools story telling competition with that folklore. It was held in commemoration of the Union Day in 1969.

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“Have you resigned from NLD?” I asked him. “Not yet”, he answered, adding, “We have not any activity. We are also like the resigned members.”

Early March, I was busy with my farm work. On 13 March, Ko Hla Htay, one of my nephews, delivered an open letter to me. The letter was sent to me by a person of Mayangon village. “As it is an open letter, I read it. It was about your article that appeared in the dailies”, he told me. I took the letter and read it. It was dated two months ago. It seemed that the person was hesitant to send the letter to me. As it is an open letter, I present it as follows for the readers:

Date: 13 January 2007

23:00 hours

To

Ko Min Swe,

I am from Mayangon Village in Thaton Township. I don't think the village is strange to you. I know you by name but we don't know each other personally. This afternoon round about 4 pm I returned home on foot from my farm. I got home at about 6.30 pm. Then I took a bath and had my dinner. I went out and watched the second half of the football match till 9.30 pm. Getting home, I browsed some copies of the newspaper I had not read yet as I had spent several days in a row in the farm. After reading your article “From Ngar Min Swe to Daw Suu Kyi” featured in the 10-1-2007 issue it inspired me to write to you immediately.

I am very pleased to read your articles including “From ‘75’ Min Swe to ‘88’ Min Ko Naing” and “King of Hell and Ngar Min Swe”. Ko Min Swe, you and I are both Myanmar citizens. (I will introduce myself to you in the last part of the letter.) I absolutely believe that your articles are based on your experiences without any exaggerations. But, I don't think those who claim themselves variously at home and abroad and call themselves as members of the opposition party would do. We cannot know whether they would consider you to be a government supporter and a member of the government media, or they would be pretending not to know that a public member is presenting the objective conditions. A person without knowledge of the real situation will be on the correct path when he knows it. However, a person pretending not to know the

situations will continue to pretend, so it is hard for him to get onto the correct path.

I listen to BBC, VOA and RFA when I am free, but sometimes what they broadcast is irritating to my ears. They are manufacturing slanderous fabrications with imperialist attitude to mislead the people. I am heartbroken to hear that some national people, for earning their living, are betraying the motherland and making up stories and committing destructive acts with the intention of making the people impoverished and get into troubles. The imperialists' assistance will be for the convenience of their families and relatives only. They don't pay any heed to possible disorder of the Union and various hardships the people will be likely to encounter. Nonetheless, they are shouting at full blast that they love the mother country and sympathize with the people. Many of them are younger than me as well as better than me in educational qualification, experiences and wealth, but it is beyond my understanding that why they are still abysmally wicked. It can be said that they are dependent on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for their living. Their acts are more and more abhorrent to me with the passage of time. I am able to distinguish between good and bad and between positive attitude and negative attitude. Sometimes, foreign broadcasting stations exploit the people to serve their interests. I think they depend on the assistance of external elements, so they dare not take onto the correct path despite knowing the prevailing situations. I want to witness regional peace and stability and play a peaceful life doing family business of growing paddy; that are all I want.

Recently I heard a story the BBC and VOA broadcast in which “88” generation student Ko Jimmy invited people to send public feelings and voices to him and said that he would like to forward them to Senior General Than Shwe. I do not want to write to the Senior General, but to those in exile who are complaining all the time. And I would say, be quiet please, if you want the people to enjoy progress.

My letter is a little long, so I stop here.

Your supporter,

U Myo Myint

Mayangon Village

The above-mentioned letter is a presentation of personal views, ideas and feelings of a farmer. In the last paragraph of his letter, he criticizes the letter movement of the “88” generation students group of Min Ko Naing. They notice that their “white” expression movement and letter movement did not work. What Myanmar people aspire today are stability, peace and development. Members of so-called “88” generation students group of Min Ko Naing should do their bit in fulfilling the wishes of the people.

Min Ko Naing, you should discuss ways and means for the development of the nation and take part in the national development tasks whatever role you are in. Getting involved in movements and campaigns instead of doing so is against the people's aspiration to national development.

It seems to me that your group members are pleased with the roles you play in the programmes of BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB. If so, members of the “88” generation students group will be like the shell that produces a booming sound but without any substance.

Min Ko Naing, now the seven-step Road Map is in the process of being implemented for transition to a modern and developed democratic country with flourishing discipline. Only qualified, self-sacrificing, honest and hardworking people are capable of transforming the nation into a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Flatterers buttering up external elements for opportunities and self-interests and self-seekers without any qualifications are not capable enough to do so, and will never participate in the process.

Min Ko Naing, you love the truth and are a person of self-sacrificing behaviour. But you have to conduct life-long study if you want to be a qualified one. Myanmar people are looking forward to honest persons with self-sacrificing behaviour like you for building a modern and developed democratic nation. And they fear that self-seekers and unscrupulous persons may be among the implementers in the democratic processes.

Min Ko Naing, in my youth, my classmates and I cried out in chorus “Where have you been, Maung Yay Khe?”. Now, the entire national people are asking where you are going now, Min Ko Naing.

Translation: TMT+MS

Myanma Alin, Kyemon: 8-4-2007

Beautifying, greening tasks inspected at National Kandawgyi Gardens, National Landmarks Garden

YANGON, 8 April— Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected beautifying and greening tasks of National Kandawgyi Gardens in Pyin Oo Lwin on 6 April. At the briefing hall of the gardens, Managing Director U Win Aung of Wood Land Company

reported to the minister on the tasks in the garden. Afterwards, the minister inspected the National Landmarks Garden. An official briefed the minister on visits of the guests at the garden and beautifying and greening tasks carried out in the garden.

During his inspection tour, the minister met with employees of the Forest Department, Dry Zones Greening Department and Myanmar Timber Enterprise of Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions at No 103 Saw Mill in Amarapura Township.— MNA

CPT Minister on inspection tours of Bago Division (East)

YANGON, 8 April — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw together with officials inspected the microwave station in Swa, Bago Division (East) on 7 April. In Yedashe, the minister inspected the manual telephone

exchange and made arrangements for installation of auto-exchange facilities.

On his inspection tour, the minister inspected the GSM and Auto-telephone Exchange in Ketumati Myothit.

In Toungoo, the minister called on officials

to extend telephone systems in Kyaukkyi, Yeni, Yedashe, Pyinbongyi, Kawa, Swa, Waw townships in Bago Division (East). The minister also visited Toungoo Auto-telephone Exchange and GSM Station.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung meeting with employees of department and enterprise of Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway divisions under the ministry at No 103 Saw Mill in Amarapura Township. — FOREST

Cash donated to Vipassana Pagoda in Mumbai

YANGON, 8 April — The eighth cash donation for construction of Vipassana Pagoda in Mumbai of India was held at Dhammazawti Vipassana Yeiktha on Ngadatgyi Pagoda in Bahan Township this morning.

Pro-Rector (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, Chairman of the Yeiktha Board of Trustees U Oak Gar and officials accepted cash donations from wellwishers.

On behalf of the wellwishers, Patron of International Dhammagiri Vipassana Group Bandoola U Shwe handed over jewellery worth K 25,716,745, K 2,664,375, US\$ 2,420, FEC 230 and rupee 1,000 to Pro-Rector Dr Myint Kyi and officials.

MNA



Pro-rector (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi accepts cash donation from a well-wisher.

MNA

Field discussions on control of bird flu to be conducted in townships of Yangon Division

YANGON, 8 April— Altogether seven poultry farms in Mayangon, Hlinethaya, North Okkalapa, Mingaladon and Hmawby townships, Yangon Division were struck by an outbreak of H5N1 virus from 28 February to 30 March.

Regarding this, preventative measures such as monitoring and diagnosing of the virus, early exposing and informing it to the public, early addressing it and effective containment, designating the restricted zones, culling, restricting the transport and sale of poultry were carried out.

Altogether 27 veterinarians of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in cooperation with UNICEF, Care Myanmar and Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation (Central) conducted a workshop on control of bird flu, bio-security, warding off bio-danger and public communication and information on 7 April 2007.

The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in cooperation with UNICEF, Care Myanmar and Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation (Central), the Township Development Affairs Committee, the Township Health Department, the Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, township authorities, members of the Ward and Village Peace and Development Councils and those who are engaged in raising and marketing of poultry will conduct field discussions on control of bird flu in the townships, wards and villages of Yangon Division, where there was an outbreak of H5N1 virus, and all are to participate in the workshop.—MNA

USDA CEC member supervises educational tasks in Natogyi, Ngazun

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung attended the ceremony to open the new building of Post-Primary School in Magyigan Model Village in Natogyi Township on 30 March.

At the hall of the Monastic Education School in Phalangon Village, the CEC member attended the opening ceremony of the Summer Cultural Course. The CEC member and wife donated 75 dozens of exercise books and K 100,000 to the monastic school.

In Natogyi, the CEC member viewed production process of Khaing Shwe Wah Cotton Ginning Factory.

Next, the CEC member attended the prize presentation ceremonies for outstanding students of BEHSs in Wetlu Model Village and Myotha. He also attended similar ceremonies at BEHSs in Gyo Village and Kyauktalon of Ngazun Township.

At the office of Ngazun Township Peace and Development Council, the CEC member delivered an address at the third prize presentation ceremony of Ngazun Township. In the afternoon, he met local people, teachers, USDA organizers and members at BEHS in Thakyin Village and fulfilled their requirements.

MNA

Fires break out in Pyinmana, Tatkon, Sangyoung

YANGON, 8 April — A fire broke out in Ahlyinlo Village of Pyinmana Township on 5 April. One house was gutted by fire.

Due to a fire in Nweyit Village of Tatkon Township, three houses were destroyed in the fire on 5 April.

On 6 April, a fire broke out at a photo copier shop in Aungchantha Ward of Sangyoung Township. Two photo copiers and one computer were damaged in the fire.

MNA

Apple consumption during pregnancy reduces risk for childhood asthma

WASHINGTON, 6 April — Eating apples while pregnant may give a new meaning to an apple a day keeping the doctor away, according to a study published in Thorax online on Friday.

Compelling new research concluded that mothers who ate apples during pregnancy may protect their children from developing asthma later in life.

This unique longitudinal study tracked dietary intake by nearly 2,000 pregnant women, then examined the effects of the maternal diet on airway development in more than 1,200 of their children five years later.

Among a wide variety of foods consumed and recorded by the pregnant women, the researchers concluded that the children of mothers who ate apples had a significantly reduced

risk for the development of asthma and childhood wheezing.

This study focused on medical evaluations for asthma and related symptoms (wheezing, for example) when the children were five years old. As a result of the evaluations cited in this research, other than apples, there were no consistent associations found between prenatal consumption of a range of healthful foods and asthma in the 1,253 children evaluated.

Children of mothers who ate apples during pregnancy were much less likely to exhibit symptoms of asthma (including

wheezing), said the researchers from institutions in The Netherlands and Scotland.

These same researchers previously reported positive associations between maternal consumption of vitamins A, E, D and zinc with reduced risk of asthma, wheeze and eczema in children.

The only other positive association found between prenatal food intake and risk reduction in children was with fish, for which the researchers found that children of mothers who ate fish had a lowered incidence of doctor-confirmed eczema.

"The present study suggests beneficial

associations between maternal apple intake during pregnancy and wheeze and asthma at age five," according to the researchers.

They added that their findings "suggest an apple specific effect, possibly because of its phytochemical content, such as flavonoids."

The research paper cited other related studies on apples, including those which found that "intake of apples as a significant source of flavonoids and other polyphenols has been beneficially associated with asthma, bronchial hypersensitivity and lung function in adults."

Internet



Professionals look over the duplicate throne of Qianlong Emperor before its delivery in Dongyang, a city of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 6 April, 2007. The duplicate throne of Qianlong Emperor of Qing Dynasty (1644-1911 AD), had been worked out through a whole year and was being delivered to Beijing Palace Museum. — XINHUA

Scientists decode genome of oral pathogen

WASHINGTON, 6 April — Virginia Commonwealth University researchers have decoded the genome of a bacteria normally present in the healthy human mouth that can cause a deadly heart infection if it enters the bloodstream.

The findings, which are reported in the April 2007 issue of the Journal of Bacteriology, enables scientists to better understand the organism, Streptococcus sanguinis, and develop new strategies for treatment and infection prevention.

S sanguinis, a type of bacteria that is naturally present in the mouth, is among a variety of

microorganisms responsible for the formation of dental plaque. In general, S sanguinis is harmless. However, if it enters the bloodstream, possibly through a minor cut or wound in the mouth, it can cause bacterial endocarditis, a serious and often lethal infection of the heart.

Decoding S sanguinis, a streptococcal

bacteria, will provide researchers with unique insight into its complex life cycle, metabolism and its ability to invade the host and cause bacterial endocarditis.

"We can apply this information toward the design of new treatments and preventative strategies to protect against this disease," said lead investigator Francis Macrina. "Analysis of the genome revealed a surprising number of proteins on the S sanguinis cell surface that may be new targets for drugs or vaccines. We are already

at work pursuing some of these leads."

Although it is not directly associated with tooth decay or gum disease, S sanguinis is a prominent member of dental plaque. "Genomic studies of this organism will also help us better understand the formation of dental plaque and the initiation of oral diseases," added Macrina.

The team reported that the genome of the gram-positive bacterium is a circular DNA molecule consisting of approximately 2.4 million base pairs. — Internet



A man walks in a park after snowfall in Moscow on 7 April, 2007. — INTERNET

Chinese county relates promotion to treating parents well

BEIJING, 8 April — A county in central China plans in-depth checks on how its officials' treat their parents, with those who are nice to their mum and dad first in line for promotion, Xinhua news agency reported on Saturday.

Up to 500 family members, friends, colleagues and neighbours will be grilled by special investigators about the behaviour of each official from Changyuan County, including their family values and any drinking or gambling habits, the report said.

The findings will be considered when deciding promotions.

"Officials should possess traditional Chinese

values of filial piety and family responsibility, which are the foundation of a successful career," Xinhua quoted local Communist Party chief Liu Sen saying.

China's leaders are fretting about how to support its ageing population, and worried about slipping moral standards as younger generations rush to take advantage of the booming national economy.

MNA/Reuters



A young baboon plays with an Easter egg in a zoo in Netherlands recently. On Easter each animal in the zoo can get an egg. — XINHUA

"Superman's" costume matches "OZ" guard's at auction

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 April — A costume worn by actor Christopher Reeve in his first "Superman" film has sold for 115,000 US dollars at auction, the same price as "Winkie" costume from the 1939 movie "The Wizard of Oz" fetched.

The Hollywood memorabilia firm Profiles in History said it had sold more than two million US dollars' worth of movie and television items in a Thursday auction.

The rare Winkie costume was used by an actor portraying a guard protecting the Wicked Witch of the West in the much beloved "Wizard of Oz". It was within its estimated price range of 100,000 US dollars to 120,000 US dollars, but the Superman costume from the 1978 movie soared past its 50,000 US dollars to 70,000 US dollars estimated price. — MNA/Reuters

Jordan, China celebrate 30th anniversary of diplomatic ties

AMMAN, 7 April — The Chinese embassy in Amman held a reception on Thursday to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Jordan and the People's Republic of China.

In his opening speech at the reception, attended by more than 300 guests, Ambassador Gong Xiaosheng hailed the Sino-Jordanian relations in all fronts, especially the diplomatic and economic ties, which have been constantly expanding over the past 30 years.

"Thanks to the efforts of governments in decades and leaders of generations in our two countries, the China-Jordan friendly relations have continued to grow stronger and achieved fruitful results from our mutually-beneficial cooperation," he said.

"Numerous developments have taken place on both sides in various fields as a result of the long-standing and exceptional relations between Jordan and China," he added.

China is currently Jordan's third largest foreign trade partner, with bilateral business transactions reaching 1.031 billion US dollars last year.

The Jordanian guests highly praised China's active role in international affairs and acclaimed the enormous economic achievements made by the Chinese people.

MNA/Xinhua

UAE urges Arab countries to strengthen ties with East Asia

ABU DHABI, 7 April — The Minister of Economy of United Arab Emirates (UAE) Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi called on Arab countries to strengthen ties with East Asia in "the new global economy", local newspaper *Gulf News* reported on Friday.

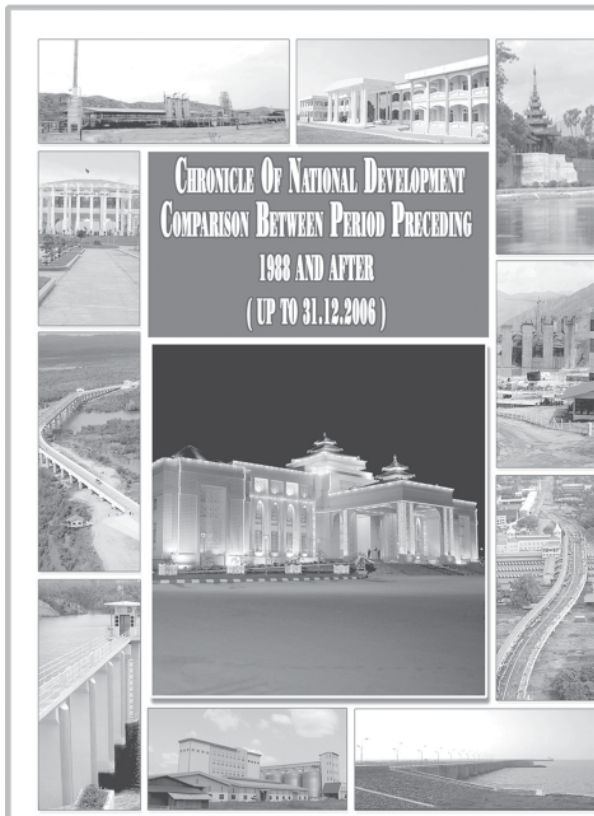
"There is a particular interest in East Asia at the moment," Al Qasimi was quoted as saying at a Press conference held on Thursday in Dubai.

She cited last year's visit to China by Saudi King Abdullah and the recent official trip to India

by the UAE Vice-President and Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum as signs of serious Arab efforts to develop links with East Asian countries.

Arab relations with East Asian countries must be "reemphasized in the global economy," she added.

It is reported that the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is discussing free trade agreements with a number of Asian countries, including China and India. — MNA/Xinhua



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Former academic Michael Lyons named BBC chairman

LONDON, 7 April — Michael Lyons, a former academic and local government boss, was named as chairman of the BBC on Thursday.

He will head the BBC Trust, a new body designed to improve governance of the public broadcaster in the wake of a judicial inquiry that savaged part of its Iraq war coverage.

The appointment was formally made by Queen Elizabeth and was announced by Prime Minister Tony Blair's Downing Street office.

"It is a great privilege to be appointed chairman," Lyons said. "I will never lose sight of the public's core expectations of editorial independence and quality programmes across television, radio and

the Internet."

Lyons, 57, a former chief executive of Birmingham City Council who was also Professor of Public Policy at Birmingham University, has little experience of broadcasting.

Other more experienced candidates such as film producer Lord Putnam and broadcaster David

Dimbleby ruled themselves out of the running in advance.

But the new 140,000-pounds-a-year job will require Lyons to play more of a regulatory role than previous chairmen who were closer to BBC management and had some input over editorial matters.

Lyons is also regarded as being close to Chancellor Gordon

Brown, a potential plus in future negotiations over the level of the licence fee paid by viewers that provides most of the broadcaster's income.

The BBC faces a 2-billion-pound gap in its finances following a lower than anticipated six-year settlement that will see the licence fee rise from 131.50 pounds now to 151.50 pounds in 2012. — MNA/Reuters

US workers safer on job but not on road

WASHINGTON, 7 April — Fewer people are being murdered on the job in the United States but more are getting killed in work-related traffic accidents, according to government statistics published on Thursday.

The country's on-the-job death rate has fallen 8 per cent since 1992, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said in its weekly report on death and disease.

More than 90 per cent of those killed on the job are men, the CDC said.

"The highest percentages of fatal workplace injuries were attributed to highway incidents, followed by falls, being struck by an object, and homicides," the CDC said in the report, based on data from the Bureau of Labour Statistics.

The bureau reported

5,702 work-related fatal injuries for 2005 — a rate of 4 deaths per 100,000 workers. In 1992, the death toll was 6,217 and the fatality rate was 5.2 per 100,000 workers.

The homicide rate fell 55 per cent over the same period, from 0.87 killings per 100,000 workers in 1992 to 0.39 in 2005.

But the biggest single cause of death was transportation incidents at 43 per cent, with the fatality rate rising slightly from 0.96 per 100,000 workers in 1992 to 1 per 100,000 in 2005.

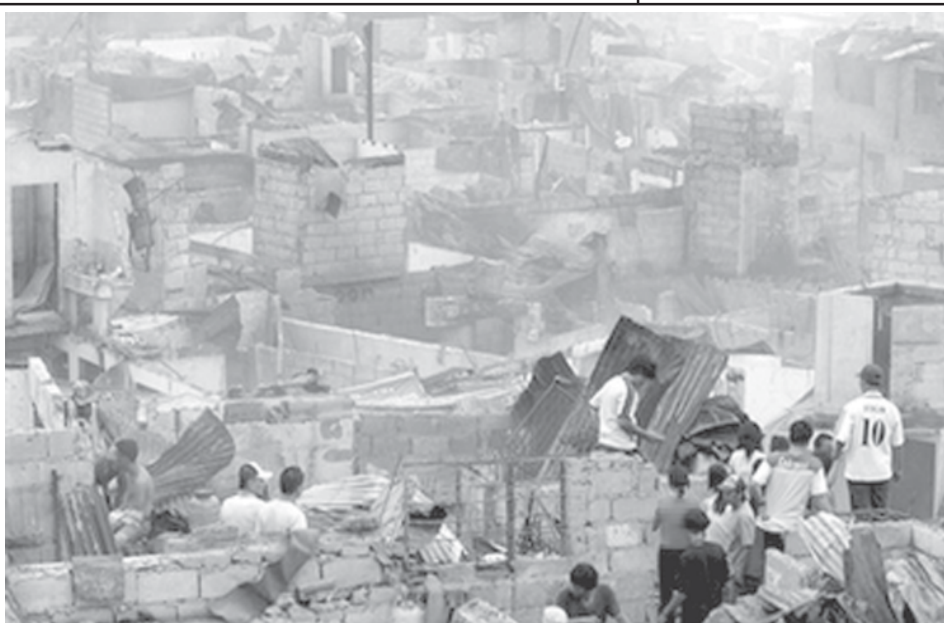
The CDC said 14 per cent of all those killed

were assaulted and 13 per cent fell.

Beyond traffic accidents, most other transport-related deaths "involved workers who were struck by vehicles or mobile equipment and workers who were vehicle occupants in non-highway incidents", the report said.

Other categories with the highest death rates included "being struck by a falling object such as a tree, being crushed during a cave-in while digging ditches, or getting caught in running machinery".

MNA/Reuters



Residents survey the extent of the damage caused by an early morning fire on 7 April, 2007, in Mandaluyong City east of Manila, Philippines. The fire destroyed some 400 houses in this poor urban residential area rendering some 1,200 families homeless according to the fire department. No casualties were reported. — INTERNET

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Study shows Mediterranean diet wards off allergies

WASHINGTON, 7 April — A Mediterranean-style diet rich in fruits, vegetables and olive oil can help reduce childhood respiratory allergies and asthma, researchers reported on Thursday.

Their study of children living on the Greek island of Crete showed that diet may explain why skin allergies are as common as anywhere else, but wheezing and sneezing are more rare. Dr Paul Cullinan of Britain's Royal Brompton Hospital and National Heart and Lung Institute, and colleagues in Greece and Spain, studied 690

children aged 7 to 18.

Children who ate the most fresh fruits and nuts were the least likely to suffer from breathing allergies, and those who ate the most margarine were the most likely, they found.

"Eighty per cent of children ate fresh fruit (and 68 per cent vegetables) at least twice a day," they wrote in their report, published in the

journal *Thorax*. Grapes, oranges, apples and fresh tomatoes, the main local products in Crete, had no effect on skin allergies but children who ate more of them were less likely to have wheezing or runny noses, the researchers found.

"A high consumption of nuts was found to be inversely associated with wheezing, whereas margarine increased the risk of both wheeze and allergic rhinitis (sneezing and runny nose)," they wrote. "Diet may explain the relative lack of allergic symptoms in this population." *MNA/Reuters*

Lindsay Lohan eyeing Princess Diana movie

BEIJING, 7 April — Hollywood starlet



Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan is desperate to play Diana,

Princess of Wales in a movie about the tragic royal's life.

She says, "It would be amazing. She gave back a lot and was an amazing woman." Earlier this year, Lohan's mother Dina expressed her fears Lindsay would die in a similar manner to Diana, because she is pursued by paparazzi photographers, as the princess was on the night she died. — *Internet*

Overweight increases risk for asthma

LOS ANGELES, 6 April — Overweight and obese individuals have a 50-percent higher risk for

asthma than normal-weight people, according to a new study published in the April issue of the

American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine.

Researchers at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center (NJMRC) in Denver pored over prior data on the body mass indices (BMI) — measurements of body fat based on the height and weight — of adult asthma patients.

They looked at data from seven prior studies conducted between 1966 and 2006 in the United States, Canada, and Europe. — *Internet*

A young bison's coat is covered with freezing rain which covered everything from animals to windshields as heavy fog covered the foothills west of Denver, Colo, on 6 April, 2007. *INTERNET*



Fat hormone boosts colon cancer

LONDON, 7 April — A chemical produced by fat cells makes colon cancers grow faster, a US study has suggested.

The British *Journal of Surgery* study could help explain why severely overweight people appear to be at far greater risk of the disease.

A team at the University of California, San Diego found that the hormone leptin triggered increased growth in human colon cancer cells.

Obese people are up to three times more likely to develop colorectal cancer. Other researchers have already found that some colon cancer cells appear to be set up to respond to leptin, with "receptors" for the chemical on their surfaces. The more fat cells a person has, the more leptin will be in their bloodstream.

The San Diego team wanted to find further evidence of the link by watching what happened to human cancer cells exposed to the hormone. In a laboratory, they added the hormone to different varieties of cancer cell. Growth was stimulated in all the cell lines — and in two out of three



Leptin is stored in fat tissue

tested, the hormone also hampered the usual process of programmed death that allows the body to replace normal cells, but which often malfunctions in cancers.

Dr Kim Barrett, who led the research, said: "These results may explain why obesity increases a person's risk of colonic cancer. "The fact we have shown how leptin stimulates these cells means that drug companies may be in a better position to develop new treatments against the disease."

Internet

Connery shows up in "Indiana Jones 4"?

BEIJING, 7 April — Producers of the next "Indiana Jones" movie are waiting to hear if former 007 star Sean Connery will return as the main hero's father, the trade magazine *Variety* reported on Friday.

Directors George Lucas and Steven Spielberg, set to begin work on the fourth installment of the film franchise in June along with star Harrison Ford,



Sean Connery

are trying to coax Connery, 76, out of retirement for the film, *Variety* said.

Connery, who has been in no films since 2003, said he'd consider returning if he liked the script, the magazine reported.

Ford, 64, returns as the daring archaeologist. The movie co-stars Shia LaBeouf, 20, and Cate Blanchett, 37, likely as Indy's son and love interest respectively.

Producers have kept the plot and even title of "Indiana Jones 4" a tight secret, but Paramount Pictures plans to release the film in May 2008, *Variety* said.

Internet



Residents on the remote island of Ranongga sit on a coral reef exposed by the force of this week's Solomons earthquake, on 7 April, 2007. The quake lifted the island and pushed out its shoreline by tens of metres, exposing the surrounding reefs that used to attract scuba divers from around the world. — *INTERNET*

SPORTS



Germany's Tommy Haas returns the ball to Belgium's Kristof Vliegen during their Davis cup tennis quarter-final match in Ostend on 6 April, 2007. — XINHUA

United defeat leaves Chelsea in hot pursuit

LONDON, 8 April — Portsmouth blasted the Premier League title race wide open on Saturday with a 2-1 victory over leaders Manchester United at Fratton Park.

Matthew Taylor's first half strike and a late own goal by Rio Ferdinand ended a run of seven successive league victories for United who managed a late consolation through John O'Shea. Champions Chelsea, who edged a 1-0 victory over Tottenham Hotspur at Stamford Bridge earlier, are now just three points behind with six games to go.

Portugal defender Ricardo Carvalho scored Chelsea's winner in the second half against Tottenham, leaving Jose Mourinho's side in hot pursuit

with 75 points to United's 78.

It is the first time since December that United's lead has slipped below six points and a potential title showdown is beckoning when the sides clash at Stamford Bridge on 9 May.

Elsewhere, Liverpool strengthened their hold on third place with a 2-1 victory at Reading, while Arsenal fell to their first ever defeat at the Emirates Stadium, going down 1-0 to relegation fighters West Ham United.

United's title hopes in 2003-2004 were dashed by an April defeat at Fratton Park and while this defeat may not prove fatal it will give Chelsea renewed hope of a third straight title.

MNA/Reuters

Outclassed Barca slip to 1-0 defeat at Zaragoza

MADRID, 8 April — Barcelona were outclassed by Real Zaragoza as they went down 1-0 at La Romareda on Saturday in a defeat which will give their title rivals renewed hope of depriving the Catalans of a third successive league title.

Diego Milito took the credit for the goal but it was unclear whether he actually got a touch to the ball after fellow Argentine Andres D'Alessandro had threaded an acute-angled shot into the net from the byeline 13 minutes into the second half. The scoreline did little to reflect the domination of a Zaragoza side that had Barcelona on the ropes for most of the game.

Barca coach Frank Rijkaard's decision to opt for a three-man defence played into Zaragoza's hands from the start and his side were fortunate not to concede several more goals.

The Dutchman rectified his decision in the second half, but by then Zaragoza had already gained an unstoppable momentum that meant their opponents could do little to stem the tide.

Barca have now won just of their last nine away matches and although they remain top of the table on 56 points, they are only two clear of Sevilla and five ahead of arch-rivals Real Madrid who both have a game in hand. Zaragoza moved up to fourth on 50 points, but Valencia will have a chance to overtake them and Real Madrid when they play relegation-threatened Athletic Bilbao on Sunday. —MNA/Reuters

Schalke, Stuttgart, Bayern all win in Germany

BERLIN, 8 April — Schalke 04 won 2-0 at home to bottom club Borussia Moenchengladbach on Saturday to stretch their lead at the top of the Bundesliga to four points. VfB Stuttgart stayed in the title hunt with a 4-2 win away to Hamburg SV, a result that was enough to take them up to second place at least for a night, while Bayern Munich kept their hopes alive by coming from behind to win 2-1 at Hanover 96.

With six games left to play, Schalke lead the standings with 56 points, followed by Stuttgart on 52.

Werder Bremen, on 51 points in third, need to win their game in hand at home to Nuremberg on Sunday to reclaim second spot and cut Schalke's lead back to two points.

Bayern remain in fourth place on 50 points, still in with an outside chance of the title, after goals from Martin Demichelis and Bastian Schweinsteiger gave them a morale boosting win before their Champions League quarterfinal second leg at home to AC Milan on Wednesday. Schalke, beaten 2-0 by Bayern last weekend, were once again unimpressive in the first half against Moenchengladbach, with a decently struck long shot from Mesut Oezil about the closest they came to a breakthrough. —MNA/Reuters



America's Cup yachts race at the start of the fourth flight during the fourth day of the Valencia Louis Vuitton Act 13 fleet race competition in Valencia on 6 April, 2007. — XINHUA

Inter's title drive slowed by lowly Reggina

ROME, 8 April — Inter Milan's march to the Serie A title slowed when they were held to a 0-0 draw at relegation-threatened Reggina on Saturday.

Inter have 80 points from 30 matches and need seven points from their last eight matches to seal their second successive crown. AS Roma are second on 62 points after goals by Francesco Tavano and Mirko Vucinic gave them a 2-0 win at Catania.

Behind them, the battle for the remaining two Champions League places remained fierce. Lazio racked up their eighth win in a row — a 1-0 victory over Messina — to consolidate third place on 55 points.

AC Milan beat Empoli 3-1 to move up to fifth on 47 points, one point behind Palermo, who played with 10 men for most of a 3-1 defeat at home to Cagliari.

Inter missed the vision of suspended striker Zlatan

Ibrahimovic at Reggina's Granillo Stadium, where they failed to turn possession into chances. The home side, meanwhile, made the most of the ball whenever they got it.

Defender Maurizio Lanzaro nodded narrowly wide of Inter's goal and midfielder Luca Vigiani forced a full-stretch diving save from Inter keeper Julio Cesar with another header shortly before halftime.

Inter almost took the lead when striker Julio Cruz grazed the post at the start of the second half, but they had Cesar to thank again in the 63rd minute when he pulled off a reflex save to beat away a shot by Palmiro Di Dio.

Roma's victory over Catania — their first away win since beating Torino just before Christmas — helped quell growing fears they could surrender second-place to a resurgent Lazio.

MNA/Reuters



Japanese forward Eriko Arakawa (R) passes the ball past Vietnam's defender Dao Thi Mien during their 2008 Beijing Olympic Games Asian women's football qualifier final round Group A match in Tokyo on 7 April, 2007. Asian Games silver medallists Japan got off to a winning start to the final qualifying round for the Beijing Olympics with a 2-0 win over Vietnam. — INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Wenger says Arsenal do not need big investment

LONDON, 8 April — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has played down talk of a possible takeover of the London club and said on Friday it does not need big investment to flourish.

American Stan Kroenke, owner of KSE UK Inc., has bought a 9.9-per-cent stake from British television broadcaster ITV months after setting up a business partnership with the Premier League club via his Major League Soccer team Colorado Rapids. British Press reports have suggested Kroenke, whose sports company owns American football, basketball and ice hockey teams, might be interested in a takeover of Arsenal.

But Wenger told a news conference: "I don't think the club needs a big investment. This team has shown they can beat everybody and that it is part of their growing process. "There is a huge potential here. I don't feel at the moment the needed solution is more money. —MNA/Reuters

Passenger train derails in Indonesia, Killing 2, injuring 23

JAKARTA, 8 April — A passenger train run out of its tracks and skidded into a rice field Saturday in Semarang, Indonesia's Central Java Province, killing 2 and injuring 23 other passengers an official said.

The train, with 400 passengers on board, derailed in Tegal at 3:15 am local time when it was heading to Semarang, a city in Central Java Province, Suprpto, a spokesman for the state-run railway company was quoted by local reports as saying.

An 8-month-old child died and at least 23 other people were wounded, including a man pinned beneath a carriage with severe broken bones, who later died, the railway official said.

An investigation is conducting to find out the cause of the accident, he added. — MNA/Xinhua



Railway officials said an Indonesian passenger train derailed on Saturday, killing one baby and injuring at least 23 others. The train carrying 400 people was heading to the Central Java city of Semarang when it derailed in nearby Tegal, 185 miles east of the capital Jakarta, at 3:15 am local time, said Suprpto, a spokesman for the state-run railway company, who goes by only one name. The cause is being investigated. — XINHUA

UN population fund to finance projects in Nigerian state

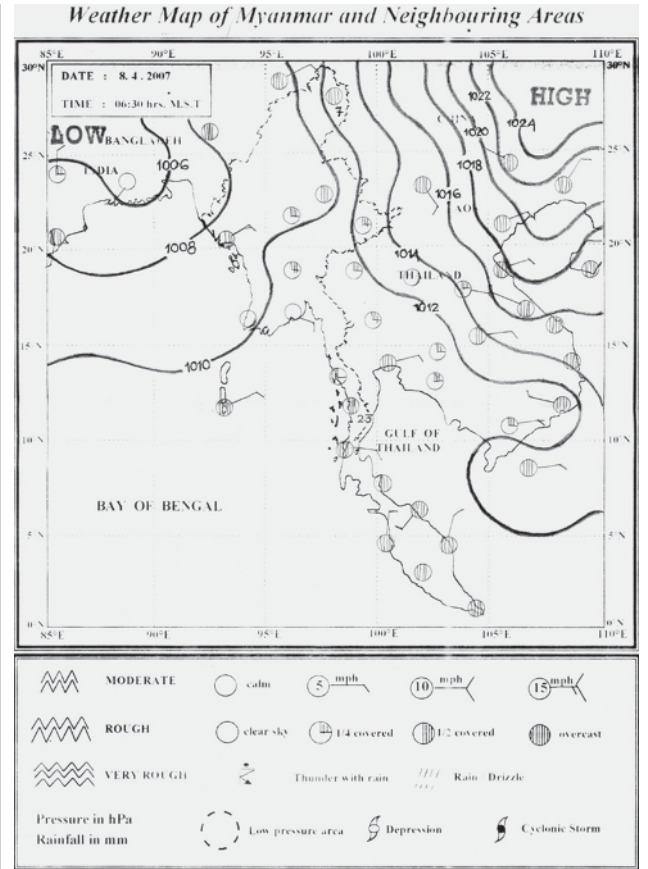
LAGOS, 8 April — The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is to spend 23.4 million naira (about 180,000 US dollars) for its programmes in Nigeria's northeastern Borno State this year, official has said.

Bata Balami, UNFPA's director of advocacy, said on Thursday in Maiduguri, the state capital, that programmes included community reproductive health, population and

development strategies, family life education and gender advocacy.

Since August 2006, UNFPA had recorded achievements sensitization on HIV/AIDS, supply of equipment to the vesicovaginal fistulae (VVF) ward in the state specialist hospital and promotion of maternal and child health, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Sunday, 8 April, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers has been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in Shan and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Chin, Kayin and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu, (44°C) Magway, NyaungU and Chauk and Thayawady (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (0.91) inch, Putao (0.32) inch, Machanbaw (0.16) inch and Homalin (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 7-4-2007 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 8-4-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 8-4-2007 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 7-4-2007 was (9.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 8-4-2007 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 (8) mph from Northwest at (13:45) hours MST on 7-4-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 9-4-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin and Northern Shan States, Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair 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 continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 9-4-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 9-4-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 9-4-2007: Partly cloudy.

“Untimely Rainfall Warning”

Issued at (12:00) hours MST on 8th April, 2007
According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Northern Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions within next (48) hours commencing noon today.



Monday, 9 April

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Can we talk ... Code Red
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Book of love ... Hit & Hide
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Oxygen ... Verligo
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Tomorrow ... Auril Lauigre
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music: -Sunshine ... Gabrielle -Love train ... S Club 7 -Teddybear ... Toybox
- 9:00pm Spotlight on the Star: “ABBA” -Rock me, Hasta Manana
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Coulda, woulda, shoulda ... Celine Dion
- 9:35 pm Golden Land Melody! Vocal Gems -Beautiful ... Christina Aguitlera -Everytime ... Cril
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Monday, 9 April
View on today

- 7:00 am
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- 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. Song of national races
- 8:00 am
 6. လှပဝင့်ကြားဖောင်တော်ကြီး ဆိပ်ခံတံတား
- 8:15 am
 7. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 8:30 am
 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 9. Grammar made easy
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. Practice in reading
- 4:45 pm
 4. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 5:00 pm
 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
 6. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာတောဓလေ့ ကျေးလက်တေးသံများ
- 5:10 pm
 7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:20 pm
 8. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:30 pm
 9. “လုံလုံလုံ” (ဖိုးညွှတ်၊ မေကဗျာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မလိခ စိုးထိုက်အောင်)
- 5:35 pm
 10. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 5:45 pm
 11. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာနှစ်သစ်ကူး မဟာသင်္ကြန် (၁၃၆၇ခုနှစ်၊ နောင်တန်ခူး လပြည့်ကျော်(၂)ရက်၊ မဟာသင်္ကြန်အကျနေ့)
- 6:00 pm
 12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 14. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm
 12. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 7:15 pm
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သစ္စာဘဝပင် ခြားသော်လည်း” (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 8:00 pm
 17. News
 18. International news
 19. Weather report
 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁)
 21. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
 22. The next day's programme

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World Health Day observed in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — The World Health Day was observed at Yadanamon Hall of No 1 Basic Education High School in Pyinmana yesterday.

Present were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Patron of Pyinmana District Maternal and Child Welfare

Association wife of the commander Daw Swe Swe Oo, Chairman of Pyinmana District Peace and Development Council, Chairmen of Pyinmana and Lewe Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials, Women's Organization, MCWA, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association,

Red Cross and Fire Brigade and health staff.

The commander spoke on the occasion and Dr Aye Ko Ko read the message of the Minister for Health. Physician Dr Myo Myint also read the message of the Director-General of WHO.—MNA

Dailies to appear in turn during New Year holidays

YANGON, 8 April — Dailies of News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will be published in turn during the New Year holidays.

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

Commander looks into preventive measures against DHF and diarrhoea

YANGON, 8 April — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win yesterday went

Okkalapa Township Development Affairs Committee, Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint and officials briefed the

Afterwards, he viewed sanitation tasks, spraying of pesticides and educative talks on health in No 8 Ward of North Okkalapa Township.

L&F Minister inspects progress of breeding farms in Tatkon

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspected the sheep farm of USDA in the livestock breeding zone in Kangyi Village of Tatkon Township yesterday morning.

The minister instructed responsible persons to supervise vaccination to the sheep and extend sheep breeding task.

The minister and

officials inspected goat, lamb and milch cow farms and fulfilled the requirements of responsible persons in their tasks.

At 11 am, the minister and party visited the goat farm of Mandalay Division Livestock Breeding Federation, construction of feedstuff factories, dairy utensil factories and the milch cow farm at breeding zone No 2 in Shwemyo Village of Tatkon Township. After inspecting the farms and factories, the minister attended to the needs.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects the preventive measures against dengue haemorrhagic fever and diarrhoea in North Okkalapa Township.—MNA



on an inspection tour of Mayangon and North Okkalapa Townships, where he gave encouragement to those who participated in the preventive measures against dengue haemorrhagic fever and diarrhoea.

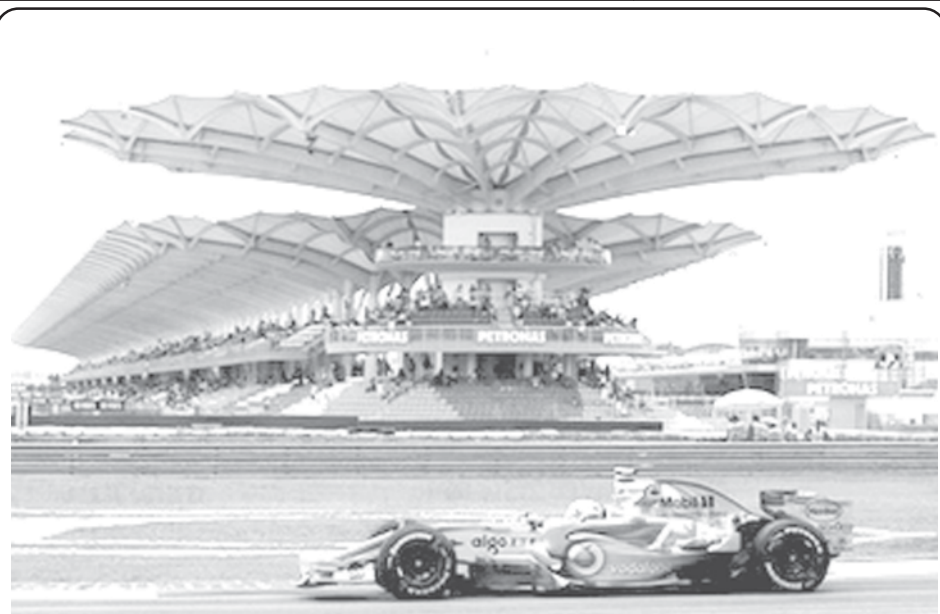
At the office of North

commander on a decreased incidence rate of DHF and diarrhoea and preventive measures against the diseases.

Next, the commander gave instructions on cooperative measures with the public in the sanitation works and proper flow of drainage.

Afterwards, the commander gave encouragement to staff, members of social organizations and the public who were carrying out preventive measures against the diseases in No 8 Ward of Mayangon township.

MNA



Britain's Lewis Hamilton speeds up his McLaren-Mercedes to finish fourth in qualifying for the Formula One Malaysian Grand Prix at Sepang International Circuit in Sepang, Malaysia, on Saturday, 7 April, 2007. Brazilian Ferrari driver Felipe Massa won the pole position for Sunday's race.—INTERNET

SIGNIFICANT DAY TEMPERATURES

Minbu	(44°C)
Magway	(42°C)
NyaungU	(42°C)
Chauk	(42°C)
Thayawady	(42°C)