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Senior General Than Shwe meets rectors of Universities of Medicine and medical superintendents.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe this morning met with rectors and medical superintendents of universities of medicines and hospitals in Mandalay at the Yangyiaung Yeiktha of Central Command and made a speech.

Also present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, members of the State PDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, the ministers, senior military officers, the Mandalay Mayor, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, head of Mandalay Division Health Department, rectors and medical superintendents of universities of medicine and hospitals in Mandalay and officials concerned.

In his address, Senior General Than Shwe said that work is under way to establish specialist hospitals in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay, adding that Mandalay General Hospital was upgraded so that it can keep abreast of Yangon General Hospital in providing health care services. Even YGH was unable to fully provide health care services in the past as it had constraints of facilities. This was due to constraints of human resources and medicines and medical equipment. Therefore, steps are being taken for producing
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Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon).—MNA

The four-lane Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is a 49 feet wide facility with 6 feet wide pedestrian lanes on either side.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 23 April, 2007

Hydropower projects to serve national interest

The government has been implementing hydropower projects utilizing water resources available for power supply in the country.

Yeywa Hydropower Project is being undertaken on Myitnge River near Yeyaman Village 31 miles southeast of Mandalay. A concrete embankment is under construction and the RCC concrete is one of the biggest ones in the world. On completion of the whole project, 790 megawatts of electricity will be generated.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe inspected Yeywa hydropower project the other day. During his recent inspection tour, he said the project is to be implemented phase by phase by conducting feasible study of water resources on the upper reaches of Myitnge River.

Under the Yeywa hydropower project construction of diversion tunnel, intake structure and outlet structure, concrete embankment and approach tunnel have been completed.

Concerted efforts are being made for early completion of the remaining work and for production of accessories and transformers to be used in the installation of power grid in the country.

The government has been providing assistance for the progress of industrial, forestry, energy, mineral, trade and electric power sectors and for the emergence of strong national economic life.

In endeavouring for all-round development of the Union hydropower projects are being implemented with the full utilization of water resources and they will contribute much towards the national interest.

People's 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

Communal novitiation ceremony held in Pyay

YANGON, 22 April — Under the patronage of Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Mula Takkatho Monastery Shintathaung Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kulasabha, local people and Hsayyay ward Auxiliary Fire Brigade members organized Communal Novitiation Ceremony at central pandal near Aung Mingala Market in Hsayyay ward in Pyay on 14 April, attended by members of the Sangha, departmental heads, officials and wellwishers.

First, the congregation received the Nine Precepts from Chairman of Bago Division (West) Sangha Nayaka Committee Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vepulla and members of the Sangha recited parittas. Next, wellwishers offered provisions to members of the Sangha and shared the merits gained.

From 1996 to 2006, a total of 454 men have been ordained, 4621 boys novitiated and 75 girls initiated into nunhood. A total of 150 boys and girls were initiated into religious order this year. — MNA

623 persons to be initiated into religious order

YANGON, 22 April — A ceremony to re-ordain Hsuhtoopan Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Thalla Ashin Pandita, Maha Thihanada Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Arcinda and Sayadaw Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Sucitta of Tatkon will be held at Hsuhtoopan Pariyatti (Shwegyin Monastery) on Po Sein Road in Tamway Township on 27 April morning.

Furthermore, the ceremony to ordain 150 men, novitiate 400 children of Kandawmingala Parahita Monastic Education School and initiate 70 school girls into nunhood will be held at the same venue.

Wellwishers U Ye Aung and Daw Le Le Win (Thiri Kudae Kwe Co Ltd) will sponsor the ordination and novitiation ceremony from 26 to 28 April.

The provision offering ceremony will be held at the monastery on 27 April, and merits will be shared for the deeds. — MNA

Second Cultural Course opens for children of Prisons Department

YANGON, 22 April — The Maternal and Child Welfare Association Branch of Prisons Department opened the Second Cultural Course at Aung Mingala Hall of the department, here, this morning.

Chairperson of the association Daw Nwe Ni San spoke on the occasion and presented Buddhism cultural books, exercise books and ball pens to trainee children.

Altogether 136 children of the Prisons Department are attending the course that will last up to 5 May. Nun Daw Baddavati and nuns of Dhammawadi Nunnery of Insein will conduct the training course to the children. Also present on the occasion were Director-General U Zaw Win of Prisons Department, directors, officials and wives. — MNA



Chairperson Daw Nwe Ni San of Prisons Department MCWA Branch presents exercise books and ball pens to a trainee. — PD

Vice-Mayor visits tax free markets

YANGON, 21 April — Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials inspected tax free markets in Dagon Myothits (North) and (South), Shukhintha of Thakayta and Tamway Townships this morning.

The Vice-Mayor inspected sale of fresh vegetables, fruits, fish and others. He cordially met with shoppers there. — MNA



CASH DONATED: Daw Mya Kyway, on behalf of Maung Soe Min Tun and Myanmar staff of Prosonic Industries Co of Malaysia, donated K 1 million to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Secretary of the Home Executive Committee Major Aung Than (Retd) accepts cash donation. — H

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Prevent outbreaks of fire

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Vermont senate adopts resolution to impeach Bush

BOSTON, 21 April — Vermont's state senate passed a largely symbolic resolution on Friday calling on the US Congress to impeach President George W Bush over his handling of the unpopular Iraq war.

Reflecting growing grass-roots anger over the war, the 16 to 9 vote urges Vermont's representatives in Washington to introduce a resolution in Congress

requiring the House Judiciary Committee to start impeachment proceedings against Bush and Vice-President Dick Cheney.

Vermont's congressional delegation has shown no serious interest in the idea, and the new Democratic-controlled Congress has also steered clear of the subject.

But activists in the proudly independent state

known for autumn foliage, maple syrup and dairy farms hope to persuade Vermont's House of Representatives to adopt a similar resolution to keep up pressure on their congressional leaders.

If Vermont's House follows, rules written by former president Thomas Jefferson to govern the US House could set impeachment proceedings in motion. According to Section 603 of Jefferson's Manual, a state legislature can introduce impeachment charges to Congress.

MNA/Reuters

Mountaineers flock to Nepal for climbing Himalayas

KATHMANDU, 21 April — Mountaineers are flocking to Nepal this spring to ascend the Himalayas, as peace returned to the mountainous country following the end of the decade-old conflict.

Mid-March to May is the ideal season for climbing the Himalayas, and till date, 57 expeditions have received permission to scale different mountains, of which 22 are for Mt Everest, said Tourism Division of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, here on Friday. The number has already exceeded the total number of expedition permissions that the government issued during the whole of last spring season, the ministry said.

According to officials, the government had granted permission to 53 expedition teams last year, which included 17 permits to ascend Mt Everest.

MNA/Xinhua

Poster of the 60th Festival de Cannes. Chinese director-cum-actor Jiang Wen's "Sun Also Rise" was surprisingly taken off from the final lineup of the 60th Festival de Cannes, which was announced on Thursday night. Jiang Wen and his wife Zhou Yun are in the leading roles of the film. — INTERNET

E Coli fears spur California and Pennsylvania beef recalls

WASHINGTON, 21 April — Two beef producers, one in California and the other in Pennsylvania, have recalled a total of close to 400,000 pounds of beef stemming from

fears of E Coli contamination.

A Pennsylvania beef company is recalling about 259,230 lbs of beef products and a California company is recalling about

107,943 pounds of frozen ground beef products due to possible contamination with E. coli O157:H7, the US Agriculture Department said on Friday.

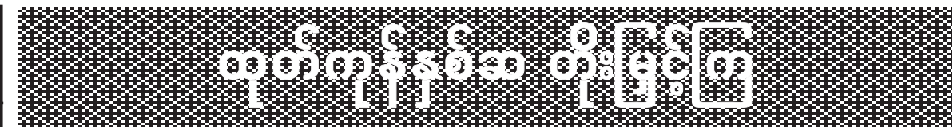
USDA's Food Safety

and Inspection Service and the Pennsylvania Department of Health have found several illnesses tied to steak products produced by HFX Inc. for Hoss's Family Steak and Sea Restaurants, a chain based in Pennsylvania.

USDA said 4,884 pounds were produced on various dates between 5 April, 2007, and 19 April, 2007, and were distributed to retail stores in Pennsylvania. The rest of the meat, 254,346 lbs, was distributed to restaurants in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. The beef from Richwood Meat Co was produced on 28 April, 2006, and was sent to retail outlets in Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. — Internet



Police officers inspect the blast site after an explosion destroyed a banking institution in Marseille on 20 April, 2007. — XINHUA



Pigeons feed on pieces of bread thrown by people outside St Publius Church in Floriana, outside Valletta, in this 3 April, 2007 file photo. A flock of robotic falcons has been dispatched to tackle an influx of obese pigeons who are increasing in number and size thanks to an unnatural diet of fastfood. — INTERNET

Bombs hit Baghdad police station

BAGHDAD, 22 April — Two car bombs have exploded at a police station in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, killing at least 12 people and wounding about 82 others, police say.

The attack took place in the southern, mainly Shia neighbourhood of Bayaa.

The first bomber sped through a checkpoint before exploding his car in front of the station, the other detonated his car at the checkpoint.

Bomb attacks continue in Baghdad despite a security crackdown involving large numbers of US and Iraqi troops.

Last Wednesday, a series of bombings in the capital killed more than 200 people in the worst day of violence since the US-led security operation began in mid-February.

Police said the force of the blasts on Sunday had set several police vehicles ablaze and damaged the police station.

Civilians and police officers were among the dozens wounded by the bombs which also damaged nearby homes. — Internet

Memorial held in Canada for professor killed in US shooting

OTTAWA, 21 April — A memorial was held on Friday in Canada's eastern Nova Scotia Province for Jocelyne Couture-Nowak, the Canadian professor who was killed in Monday's US campus shooting.

Friends and former colleagues in Bible Hill gathered to share their sadness at Nova Scotia Agricultural College where the French professor taught before she moved to the United States in 2001, Canadian Press reported Friday.

She had taught intermediate French at Virginia Tech and was a well-liked and respected instructor, according to comments posted on a Virginia Tech website used by students to rate their professors.

There are reports that Couture-Nowak's classroom was the last one the shooter entered on Monday. He committed suicide there after killing some students and the professor. — MNA/Xinhua

US Democrats threaten new flurry of subpoenas

WASHINGTON, 21 April— A Democratic committee chairman in the US House of Representatives threatened on Friday to subpoena Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice if she refuses to testify voluntarily about claims made in the run-up to the Iraq war.

Representative Henry Waxman of California said his House Oversight and Government Reform Committee would vote on Wednesday whether to subpoena Rice to discuss Administration warnings, since refuted, that Iraq had sought uranium from Niger for nuclear arms.

Waxman said his panel also would vote on whether to compel testimony from former White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card about the 2003 leak of Valerie Plame Wilson's status as a covert CIA analyst.

Testifying before Waxman's committee last month, Plame accused the Administration of blowing her cover to discredit her husband, former ambassador Joseph Wilson, who had accused the

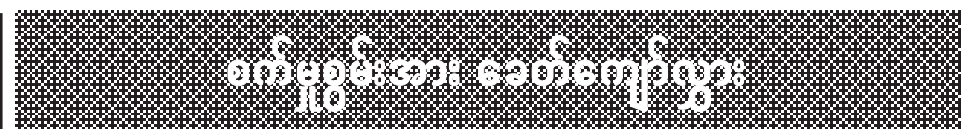
Administration of twisting intelligence.

In justifying the case to go to war, President George W Bush said Iraq had tried to buy uranium in Niger for a nuclear weapons programme, a claim that later proved to be false. Rice was then his

national security adviser.

Since Democrats took control of Congress in January, Waxman has chaired dozens of oversight hearings about how the Administration does business, drawing the ire of many Republicans.

MNA/Reuters



The Annual Conference 2007 of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) opened on 21 April, 2007 in Boao of southern China's Hainan Province, focusing on the integration of the whole Asia.
XINHUA

A model poses in costume of Han Dynasty recently in China.
INTERNET

German steals from corpse after death on train
BERLIN, 21 April — A German took advantage of a passenger's death on the underground by stealing from the dead man before pretending to help save him, police said on Thursday.
The 32-year-old died alone in a carriage before it arrived late at night at a terminus in Hamburg, a police spokeswoman said. She could not give the exact cause of death. The thief boarded the train, searched the body, and stole the man's wallet. He returned several times for other items.— MNA/Reuters

Four US soldiers killed in Iraq
BAGHDAD, 21 April — Four US soldiers were killed and another wounded in insurgent attacks in the Iraqi capital, the US military said on Friday.
A soldier was killed on Wednesday after his patrol was attacked by small arms fire in south west of Baghdad, the military said in a statement.
Two more soldiers were killed and another wounded when their vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb north of Baghdad on Wednesday, another statement said. A Marine died on Monday in nonhostile shooting incident during combat operations in the western Iraqi province of Anbar, a separate statement said.—MNA/Xinhua

Up to 130 soldiers poisoned in northern Iraq
MOSUL (Iraq), 21 April — Up to 130 Iraqi soldiers were poisoned by food in a military base in northern Iraq on Friday, provincial police said.
The soldiers were poisoned in the morning after they took their mail in Hamam al-Alil training centre, some 30 kilometres south of Mosul, a police source from the Nineveh Province told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.— MNA/Xinhua

Two S Korean soldiers killed at military base
SEOUL, 21 April — The South Korean Army said that two soldiers were found shot dead at a military base in Gangwon Province on Friday.
The Army corporals, both in their 20s, were on guard duty at an ammunition depot when a fellow soldier heard shots at about 11:50 a m (0250 GMT), said the Army. According to the Army, the two soldiers were carrying K-1 rifles with dozens of live bullets when the incident occurred. The Army is conducting an investigation into the incident. There have been no reports about whether weapons were lost in the ammunition depot. — MNA/Xinhua

Nation mourns Virginia Tech shooting victims

BLACKSBURG (Virginia), 21 April — The campus of Virginia Tech university emptied on Friday as memorial services for some of the 32 victims of Monday's shooting massacre began and the nation marked a day of

mourning. Thousands of grieving students headed home to family as a tragic week drew to a close, and mourning shifted to hometowns across the United States and around the world with the first funerals for students

and teachers killed in the rampage.

Moments of silence were observed on the trading floors of financial markets in New York and Chicago and church bells rang out from coast to coast to mark the loss of four

teachers and 28 students at the hands of gunman Cho Seung-Hui, 23.

Cho, a mentally disturbed English major, killed himself before police could intervene in the deadly shooting spree on this sprawling campus in the mountains of southwest Virginia.

After days of round-the-clock tears and vigils at Virginia Tech, only a small crowd of mourners gathered to observe a moment of silence at a makeshift memorial on the grounds of the university, home to some 25,000 full-time students.

Funerals for several victims were scheduled on Friday and Saturday near Blacksburg while other tributes were taking place overseas for victims from India, Israel and Peru.

MNA/Reuters



US flags and flowers mark a memorial, for victims of the Virginia Tech university shooting, on the campus in Blacksburg, Virginia, on 21 April, 2007. — INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Vietnam objects US monitoring system on garments

HANOI, 21 April — Vietnamese textile and garment companies have expressed concerns over an US system on monitoring their products, claiming it violates rules of the World Trade Organization, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported Friday.

There are no evidences showing that Vietnamese textile and garment products have been dumped to the United

States, the newspaper quoted president of the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association Le Quoc An as saying.

Despite high growth of the Vietnamese garment exports to the United States in recent years, the local products still account for only a small portion of the US market, 3.6 per cent in value, he said.

The system has negatively affected the Vietnamese textile and

garment industry, which accounted for 17 per cent of the country's total export turnovers in 2006.

Vietnam, which earned more than 5.8 billion dollars from shipping textiles and garments abroad, mainly to the United States, the European Union and Japan in 2006, has targeted to reap textile and garment export turnovers of seven billion dollars in 2007.

MNA/Xinhua



Participants of Miss Egypt 2007 competition pose at a news conference in Cairo on 20 April, 2007. The final ceremony will be held on 23 April in Cairo. — INTERNET



Police cars surround the building at NASA's Johnson Space Centre in Houston, on 20 April, 2007, where a gunman killed a male hostage and himself. — XINHUA

India's forex reserves up by \$2.772b

MUMBAI, 21 April — India's forex reserves increased by 2.772 billion US dollars to stand at 203.092 billion US dollars during the week ended 13 April from 200.320 billion US dollars in the preceding week.

The reserves had increased by 1.141 billion US dollars during the week which ended 6 April.

Foreign currency

assets (FCAs) rose by 2.769 billion US dollars during the week ended 13 April, as per Reserve Bank of India figures released here Friday.

Foreign currency assets in dollars include the effect of revaluation of non-US currencies such as euro, sterling and

yen held in reserves.

Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) and gold reserves remained static at two million US dollars and 6.784 billion US dollars respectively.

The reserve position in the IMF stood at 462 million US dollars up three million US dollars from the previous week.

MNA/PTI

Cambodian Govt expects \$16m casino revenues in 2007

PHNOM PENH, 21 April — The Cambodian Government expects to rake in more than 16 million US dollars in tax revenues this year from the 24 casinos operating legally in Cambodia, an increase of nearly 20 per cent over last year's revenues, local media reported on Friday.

"I firmly believe that the casino industry will generate increasing revenues and boost economic growth," the *Cambodia Daily* quoted Finance Secretary of State Chea Peng Chheang as saying.

According to official statistics, taxes collected by Cambodian Government from casinos last year amounted to 13 million US

dollars, exceeding the 2006 budget's target for collections by 500,000 US dollars.

Since 1999, an Interior Ministry order has restricted casino entry to foreigners to prevent Cambodian members of the public from sinking into

debt. The Cambodian Government continues to manage the industry with caution, Chea Peng Chheang said. "We are not encouraging the casino industry, but government policy is not to stop investment in casinos if

investors are asking for it," he added.

The number of casinos in Cambodia has grown by seven in less than two years to a total of 24, and the industry currently employs 12,000 Cambodians, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Russia floats nuclear power plants for export

Moscow, 21 April — Russia has started building the world's first floating nuclear power station, officials said, a project anti-nuclear activists say is the most dangerous to come out of the atomic sector for a decade.

Russia hopes to export the power plants for use in seas from the Indian Ocean to the Arctic. The first floating station is due to

be ready in 2010 and there are plans to build six more.

Russian officials say the stations are a safe way to supply power to desolate regions and the energy-hungry economies of Asia, Africa and Latin America without risking the proliferation of nuclear know-how. Sergei Ivanov, Russia's powerful first Deputy Prime Minister, this week presided over

the start of work on the first floating station at a secret submarine plant on the White Sea.

"Many countries are beginning to ask us 'when can we buy these plants?'" Ivanov was quoted as saying by Rosenergoatom, the agency which runs Russia's nuclear power stations and is footing the bill for building the plants.

MNA/Reuters



An employee monitors the production of chewy sweets in the shape of the polar bear Knut at the Haribo factory in Bonn on 20 April, 2007. Knut, born on 5 Dec, 2006, was hand fed by a Berlin zoo employee after its mother Tosca refused the baby, and has become extremely popular in Germany. — XINHUA



A boy carries a puppy as he wades through knee-deep water while his floating home is demolished by workers in Tambo Village, Paranaque, south of Manila on 20 April, 2007. Hundreds of families living in the coastal village near Manila Bay were forced to vacate the area to give way to a new property development. — INTERNET

US gunman's family laments his "unspeakable" acts

WASHINGTON, 21 April — The family of Virginia Tech gunman Cho Seung-Hui said on Friday it was sorry for his "unspeakable actions" and "never could have envisioned that he was capable of so much violence".

"We feel hopeless, helpless and lost," said a written statement issued by Cho's sister on behalf of her family, which had maintained silence since his shooting rampage on Monday in which he killed 32 people and then took his own life.

"He has made the world weep. We are living a nightmare," said the family, which remained in seclusion, its where

abouts unknown.

The family's first comments came on an official day of mourning for the victims of the deadliest shooting spree in modern US history.

"On behalf of our family, we are so deeply sorry for the devastation

my brother has caused. No words can express our sadness that 32 innocent people lost their lives this week in such a terrible, senseless tragedy. We are heart broken," the statement said.

MNA/Reuters

Dutch soldier killed by land mine in Afghanistan

AMSTERDAM, 21 April — A Dutch soldier has been killed by stepping on a land mine in Afghanistan, the first Dutch combat casualty as part of a NATO force in the country, a Dutch defence ministry spokesman said on Friday.

The soldier died in the southern Helmand Province, the spokesman said.

Helmand and neighbouring Kandahar Province are the main bulwark of support for Taliban guerillas battling the NATO force.

Last year saw the bloodiest fighting by Taliban rebels since they were ousted from power in 2001.

NATO has a force of

more than 30,000 troops in Afghanistan.

Many countries have contributed, but the brunt of the fighting has been borne by US, British, Canadian and Dutch forces deployed in the restive south.

Six Dutch soldiers serving in Afghanistan died in accidents last year, five in a helicopter crash and one in a fighter plane crash.

MNA/Reuters

Man arrested in Colorado school blast, no injuries

DENVER, 21 April— Officials evacuated a high school in Parker, Colorado, after an explosion outside on Friday, the eighth anniversary of a massacre at nearby Columbine High School.

There were no injuries in the blast behind Ponderosa High School, according to Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Cocha Heyden. She said officials caught a suspect who was carrying another explosive device.

"At this time it has not been determined what the device was," Heyden said. The school blast came on the anniversary of the 1999 Columbine shooting in which two students killed 13 people in Littleton,

Colorado. Both Parker and Littleton are suburbs of Denver.

In Arizona on Friday, police evacuated part of the state Capitol after a bomb threat there, authorities said.

State Capitol spokesman Alan Ecker said officers evacuated the state Senate, House and governor's tower in central Phoenix after the early morning threat was telephoned in.

MNA/Reuters



Actor Alexander Golovin poses with his "Breakthrough of the Year" trophy for his work in "Scum", during Russia's MTV Movie Awards in central Moscow on 19 April, 2007. — XINHUA

Threat of violence forces closure of Los Angeles school

LOS ANGELES, 21 April — A high school in Los Angeles was ordered kept closed on Friday due to what police called "a threat of violence".

The emergency closure of Bonita High School came amid reports that a 17-year-old boy who resides in the area has disappeared, along with a small arsenal that was kept at his home.

"Bonita High School will be closed on Friday, April 20th, due to a threat of violence," police said in a statement posted on its website. "School will resume on Monday, April 23rd."

Police declined to elaborate.

The Bonita Unified School District posted a statement on the school's website that reads: "Due to an emergency situation, we are cancelling school Friday, April 20. School

will resume on Monday." Students were notified of the closure by telephone late last night.

A parent in an unincorporated area near La Verne called the Sheriff Department Thursday afternoon to report a burglary and the disappearance of the family's 17-year-old son, according to broadcast reports.

Several rifles, shotguns, handguns, and ammunition were stolen from the home, and though authorities do not know for certain that the missing boy is responsible, he is regarded as a person of interest, according to the reports.

An acquaintance of the missing boy reportedly

told officials he may have made a threat against the

school about a month ago. — MNA/Xinhua



Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates waits to testify about American competitiveness before the Senate Health, Education, Labour and Pensions Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington on 7 March, 2007 file photo. Microsoft Corp, trying to meet its goal of doubling the number of computer users to 2 billion by 2015, promised to cut its software prices to governments in developing countries that provide free computers to school children. — INTERNET



Actors Cynthia Nixon (L) and Terrence Howard arrive to attend the Conde Nast Traveler Hot List party in New York on 19 April, 2007. — INTERNET

Make complaints, but in a fair and proper way

U Nyunt Han (Law)

The ministries concerned are implementing the task to ensure a clean government. The departments concerned have been issuing in the dailies telephone numbers and contact addresses to file formal complaints against any malpractice of their personnel.

Supreme Court employees

The aim of the Supreme Court in steering the judicial sector is for the flourishing of a public-trusted and fair judicial system in which bribery-and-corruption-free courts place in the fore the noble values — justice, equality and goodwill. The Supreme Court is always supervising subordinate bodies not to lose sight of the aim.

Those with personal grievances may lodge a formal complaint in person through a letter or by phone or fax if a public servant of the Supreme Court or anyone of the courts at all levels in exercising his powers and functions takes cash, property or privilege as a bribe, seeks self-interest or commits extortion or acts that are against the existing service rules and regulations.

Attorney-General's Office staff

The Attorney-General's Office is running the supervisory task for fairness and firmness of the judicial sector, emergence of public-trusted law offices, and offering proper public legal services.

A person may lodge a formal complaint airing his grievances in person through a letter or by phone or fax if a public servant of any one of the law offices at all levels in exercising his powers and functions takes cash, property or privilege as a bribe, seeks self-interest or commits extortion or acts that are against the existing service rules and regulations.

Myanmar Advocates Council

As the government has been supervising the judicial sector in all aspects to win public trust and reliance and ensure fairness of the judicial system, the Myanmar Advocates Council on its part has been supervising barristers and lawyers to give good and proper public service.

One with personal grievances may lodge a formal complaint in person through a letter or by phone or fax

if a barrister or a lawyer acts against one of his ethics or responsibilities.

A ministry will take action against its staff as necessary if it finds any malpractice he has committed. The following are some of the codes of conduct of all service personnel.

Codes of conduct

- (1) To be loyal to the State
- (2) To abide by the law
- (3) To give priority to public interest
- (4) To protect State funds
- (5) To keep State secrets and important information and documents safe
- (6) To follow orders, directives and work procedures
- (7) To be dutiful
- (8) To discharge duties with straightforwardness
- (9) To constantly strive to enhance capability
- (10) To stay away from the practice of taking bribes and abusing the entrusted power for self-interest.
- (11) To stay away from corruption and misbehaviour
- (12) To offer cordial services

Departmental Enquiry

The superior concerned can hold departmental enquiry into the case of his subordinate.

Preliminary Enquiry

When need arises to take action against a government employee, a preliminary enquiry may be set up to collect evidence. In this regard, any form of enquiry is to be held in a systematic way.

Departmental Punishments

To take action against a guilty government employee, punishments are promulgated according to the level of his guilt, as follows:—

- (1) Condemnation
- (2) Increment stoppage or withholding of promotion
- (3) Demotion to a lower post or reduction to a lower pay rate or reduction of pay in a time-scale
- (4) Recovery from pay for all or part of the damage (caused due to his negligence or violation of rules and regulations)
- (5) Suspension
- (6) Removal without harming his qualifications (to

reappoint him to the previous position in future)

- (7) Dismissal with effects to his qualifications in a normal condition (to reappoint him to the previous position in future)

Punishments stipulated in the Public Servants' Manual are as follows:—

- (1) Censure
- (2) Increment stoppage
- (3) Withholding of promotion
- (4) Reduction of pay in a time-scale
- (5) Demotion to a lower post
- (6) Recovery from pay
- (7) Not allowing him to enjoy full salary during the suspension period or not designating the suspension period as service
- (8) Removal
- (9) Dismissal

Dignity of Public Servants

The term "public servant" means a person who shoulders the loads of the public or who accomplishes the duties of the public. As the slogan "Only when public servants are competent and honest will the nation be prosperous", public servants are, indeed, the ones, on whom the people can place their reliance. Not every government employee can lead a life of public servants. To achieve such honourable success, a public servant has to accomplish all duties assigned to him in all the posts he has got. I do not want the staff to be the ones who are dismissed shortly after their appointments. Many of the staff work hard unremittently as public servants. However, there may be a situation in which the staff in a department or enterprise lose their reputation due to misbehaviors and misconduct of a single servant, but it is rare. Public servants are to avoid Don'ts and follow Do's with loyalty to the people. A servant who has violated a rule or regulation promulgated for civil service must face action for his offenses.

Make only fair complaints

No one will accept any unjust complaint that is based on hatred or personal grudge of the complainant and intended to harm the interest of a government servant really serving the public interest. There should be no complaint designed to mislead others to misunderstand an honest servant. It is because there have been many instances in law courts that many people, just to win the case, have filed lawsuits with invented stories against the persons they dislike. It is pitiful to staff who are demoted due to the complaints and anonymous complaints before the truth comes out. And no one should make a complaint without knowing all the facts, in case the role of the truth would be left out. So, I would like to urge everybody:

- (1) to make a complaint for any misbehaviors and misconduct of a government employee,
- (2) but do it in a fair and proper way.

Translation: TMT + MS

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- * **Work is under way to establish specialist hospitals in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay.**
- * **Mandalay General Hospital was upgraded so that it can keep abreast of Yangon General Hospital.**
- * **Steps are being taken for producing medical scientists, fulfilling medical equipment and extended building of necessary infrastructures.**



Senior General Than Shwe meeting with rectors and medical superintendents at Yangyiaung Yeiktha in Central Command.— MNA

Senior General Than Shwe meets rectors...

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medical scientists, fulfilling medical equipment and extended building of necessary infrastructures, he noted.

He said that as the first phase of the health standard promotion programme, medical equipment that are in need have been installed at hospitals. Besides general practitioners, more medical specialists are being produced and trained, he stressed.

Various kinds of medical equipment that are very effective in subject-wise medical fields are emerging. So, constant study should be conducted to know today's modern medical science and to keep abreast of other nations' medical standards. It is also necessary to cooperate with foreign universities of medicine and hospitals in exchanging medical knowledge and experiences and studying medical science.

As the second phase of the improvement of the health standard will be implemented as scheduled, modern equipment will also be provided for the hospitals as much as possible. For public health care, all the hospitals are to try to win the trust and reliance of the people. As Mandalay Hospital is a general one, it will have to give medical treatment to various kinds of patients. Although modern medicines and medical equipment can be available today, their prices are high. Therefore, the patients on their part are required to share their medical costs without relying on the State funds alone. There will be two sections at hospitals—one giving free treatment and the other giving treat-

ment at reasonable prices. Only then will health care services of the State be improved more. All in all, the people are to strive for the enhancement of health care standards.

After that, Medical Superintendent of Mandalay General Hospital Dr Maung Win reported on installation of medical equipment at MGH by the government, treatment given by MGH like Yangon General Hospital to patients with various complaints as a result and requirements to be fulfilled.

Next, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint reported on measures taken for upgrading hospitals in Mandalay with the assistance of the government to keep abreast of the ones in Yangon, facilitating of hospitals in strategically located cities and fulfilling of medicines and medical equipment.

After that, Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted rectors and medical superintendents.

After the meeting, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected measures taken for development of Mandalay and beautifying of Kandawgyi.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and party arrived at the briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) Construction Project and heard a report presented by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun on completion of the project including progress of the main bridge and the approach structure, withstanding of the bridge and allowing the bridge to be used by the public.

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Excerpts from Senior General's guidance

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Senior General Than Shwe hears a report presented by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun.— MNA

Senior General Than Shwe...

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In response to the report, Senior General Than Shwe stressed the need for officials concerned to carry out the tasks systematically.

Later, Senior General Than Shwe viewed the bridge from the briefing hall.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected progress in construction of the approach structure on Sagaing side and development of Sagaing.

The four-lane Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is a 49 feet wide facility with 6 feet wide pedestrian lanes on either side.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party, accompanied by Chairman



Senior General Than Shwe pays homage to Rajamani Çula Pagoda.— MNA

of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, proceeded to Rajamani Çula Pagoda in Sagaing. They offered fruits, lights, flowers and water to the pagoda.

Afterwards, the Senior General donated cash to the fund of the pagoda.

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Diamond orb, pennant-shaped vane, umbrella hoisted atop Kyaikkalawt Pagoda

YANGON, 22 April — A ceremony to hoist Shwehtidaw (Umbrella) atop Kyaikkalawt Pagoda was held at the pagoda in Mingaladon Township this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

State Ovadaçariya Agga Maha Kammathanaçariya Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Dhammasara administered the Five Precepts.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, officials and wellwishers offered Seinbudaw (diamond orb), Hnggetmyatnadaw (pennant-shaped vane) and tiers of the umbrella for the pagoda to the Sayadaws.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and wellwishers conveyed Seinbudaw, Hnggetmyatnadaw and tiers of the

umbrella atop the pagoda and fixed them atop the pagoda.

Mingaladon Township Ovadaçariya Sayadaw Yekyiaing Sayadaw Bhaddanta Obhasa delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits

gained.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, the commander, officials and wellwishers offered meals to members of the Sangha.

Also present on the

occasion were Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Tin Soe, Commander of Mingaladon Station Brig-Gen Yar Pyae, local authorities, members of the pagoda board of trustees and local people.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe donates cash for Rajamani Çula Pagoda.— MNA

State Flag presented to Yangon Division Women's Soccer team

YANGON, 22 April — A ceremony to present state flag to Yangon Division Women's Soccer team who will take part in the 12th State and Division Women's Soccer Tournament was held in conjunction with cash presentation ceremony at Padedha Gymnasium in South Okkalapa Township today, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

Patron of Yangon Division Women's Sport Team Daw Mar Mar Wai presented state flag to team leader Daw Myat Myat Oo and track suits to the athletes.

Next, the commander and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai and officials accepted K 11,409,000 donated by wellwishers.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence sprinkles scented water to Seinbudaw (diamond orb) and Hnggetmyatnadaw (pennant-shaped vane).— MNA

Minister inspects issuing of citizenship scrutiny cards in Pathein Township

YANGON, 22 April — Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe together with officials inspected issuing of citizenship scrutiny cards at Pathein Township Immigration and National Registration Department in Ayeyawady Division on 20 April.

The minister heard reports on matters related to issuing of citizenship scrutiny cards in Pathein Township and further programme presented by Director-General U Maung Maung Than of

Immigration and National Registration Department and Head of the Department of Ayeyawaddy Division U Maung Awe. Next, the minister looked into measures being taken for issuing of the cards and attended to the needs.

Later, the minister urged officials to carry out the work together with local authorities and social organizations in order to speed up the process of issuing the cards and viewed the issuing of 320 cards to local people.—MNA

Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin who incited the people time and again ...

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—Their reasons for staging demonstration to disrupt peace and stability in the country were meaningless and not reasonable.

—It is true that there is power shortage in the country. It is not a problem confined to this country alone. Most of the countries encounter such problem. It is also a problem that most developing nations face.

—As ours is a developing country, there is power shortage. The government is solving the problem of power shortage.

—During the Thingyan holidays, the Head of State himself inspected hydro power projects and gave guidance on early completion of the project.

—In fact, those who hinder the projects with “four blocks” are internal and external destructive elements including the protesters.

—There will be some delays in implementation of the project due to their hindrance. In order to solve the problem of power shortage, demonstration carrying placards is meaningless and unreasonable. Internal and external destructive elements who hinder Myanmar are to be opposed.

Instigation among the people under the pretext of bringing down commodity prices is

unreasonable. Most of the people know external and internal conditions well as the media has developed rapidly. The prices in the country are not as high as those in other countries. With a view to stabilizing and bringing down commodity prices, the government provides assistance for boosting production and reducing costs in agriculture, livestock breeding and industries. In transport sector, the government also makes arrangements for launching of special freight trains and cargo ships and opening more CNG filling stations. Cooperation is needed for bringing down commodity prices. Only internal and external anti-government organizations and protesters chanting slogans to bring down commodity prices imposed sanctions on Myanmar with “four blocks”. Such sanctions are detrimental to stabilizing and bring down commodity prices. That is why the people are to oppose only external and internal destructive elements.

Regarding the demands for free trade and elimination of unemployment and claims that the life of Myanmar nationals being ruined, the protesters themselves and their western masters who discourage trading and investing in Myanmar are responsible. Most of the garment factories were closed down due to the sanctions of western nations. Many workers became unemployed because of withdrawing of investments in Myanmar.

Due to unemployment, the life of some young women fell into ruin. So, those responsible for such incidents are none other than the protesters

themselves and their local and foreign masters. They are trying to mislead the people and cause public unrest ignoring the true situation. There has been public criticism that they are indeed egoistic and action should be taken against them.

Some people expressed their voices that although the country has some difficulties, it has enjoyed basic development infrastructures and is marching towards the set goal. At such a time, fruits of development can be destroyed because of such public riots. So they want no destructive acts and instigation to harm peace and stability of the State.

That was why the people of Okpon village drove out the destructive elements who entered the village with intent to incite public unrest. Like the people of Okpon village, it is necessary for the people to drive out such destructive elements trying to harm community peace and tranquillity. In doing so, there might be action to be taken against them under the existing law. However, such acts are preventive measures for ensuring community peace and tranquillity and they are also aimed at fulfilling the wishes of the majority to live in peace. So the government will address the situation and take action in a democratic way.

Authorities concerned are interrogating those who created riots to harm peace and stability of the State. The people are urged to guard against and crush any destructive elements trying to harm peace and development of the State. — MNA

London bus to run on Brazilian bio-ethanol

LONDON, 22 April — London Mayor Ken Livingstone is about to start trials of London's first bus fuelled by bio-ethanol. The Scania Omni City double-decker will carry 81 passengers and be powered

by ethanol made from Brazilian sugar cane.

Transport for London Environment (TfL) Coordinator Helen Woolston said on Friday the bus would join a fleet of the seven hybrid diesel-electric buses currently running in London, with plans for 50 more hybrids by the end of 2008.

TfL has just completed trials of hydrogen-powered buses and plans to buy 10 of these in the next year or so, she told the BioEthanol conference in London on Friday.

The buses are part of the mayor's new goal of cutting London's CO2 emissions by 60 per cent from 1990 levels by 2025. TfL is also considering basing London congestion charging on vehicles' CO2 emissions, with a banding system similar to the government's new road tax system, Woolston said.

MNA/Reuters



Angelina Jolie has been named the sexiest movie assassin for her role as Jane Smith in “Mr & Mrs Smith,” according to US media reports on Friday.

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Powerful policy group toughens US emissions plan

WASHINGTON, 22 April — An influential US panel of energy experts has toughened its recommendations on global warming emissions, aiming for a 15-per cent cut in greenhouse gases by 2030, a spokesman for the group said on Friday.

The National Commission on Energy Policy — a non-partisan organization that includes representatives from industry, government, labour, environmental activism and academia — revised a plan first issued in 2004 that was used as the model for some climate change proposals in

Congress.

“The truth is that the urgency has increased, not just on climate change but on oil security,” said panel communications director Paul Bledsoe, explaining the need for updating.

The panel's report is taken seriously by the Senate Energy Committee, which hopes to

complete a bill on climate change next month, committee spokesman Bill Wicker said. The new recommendations, released on Thursday, call for emissions of greenhouse gases to be reduced in the first year of the plan's implementation, presumably 2012, Bledsoe said.—MNA/Reuters

Faroes trawler catches fire off Chile, kills one, 11 missing

SANTIAGO, 22 April — At least one person was dead and 11 more were missing on Saturday after a fire broke out on a Faroes Islands trawler off the coast of Chile, authorities said.

The fire broke out in the engine room of the vessel *Hercules* late on Friday, forcing the crew of more than 100 to evacuate. The crew were saved by foreign fishing boats in the area off Chile's southern coastline, the

Navy and local media reported.

Although the Navy said in a statement earlier in the day that eight were missing, a spokesman told *Reuters* the figure had risen to 11 and that all of them were of Chinese origin.

The Hercules, owned by Faroes-based Thor Fisheries Ltd, left Panama on 24 March.

The Chilean Navy said conditions were good and it was continuing its search for the missing crew.—MNA/Reuters

Space tourist, Russia-US crew return to Earth

MISSION CONTROL Moscow, 22 April— A Russian Soyuz capsule with a space tourist, US billionaire Charles Simonyi, and a Russian-US crew landed safely in Kazakhstan at 1231 GMT on Saturday.

Officials and relatives at the mission control centre outside Moscow clapped as they saw the announcement "It has landed!" appear in red capital letters on the giant screen.

"We are excited to see him. It has been a long time," said Daria, wife of NASA astronaut Michael Lopez-Alegria. "I am excited to see him, I hope he is OK. I hope he does not fall," said his 7-year-old son Nicolas.

Live television pictures from the scene near the Kazakh city of Dzhezkazgan showed rescuers and doctors rushing to the capsule lying in the Kazakh steppe.

Rescuers first pulled

out Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Tyurin in a special reclining chair, his eyes closed. Rescuers then pulled out Simonyi, who smiled as doctors wiped his face.

"I feel terrific, it was a fantastic trip, it is good to be back," Simonyi said.

The world's fifth space tourist, Simonyi, paid around 25 million US dollars for a fortnight in space and pre-flight training.

MNA/Xinhua



The logo for Clear Channel Communications is seen on a billboard in a file photo. US broadcaster Clear Channel Communications said on Friday it will sell its television group to Providence Equity Partners Inc for about \$1.2 billion. — INTERNET



Knut, a four-month-old polar bear cub, plays with minders in his enclosure at Berlin's Zoologischer Garten zoo, on 19 April, 2007. — XINHUA

Former magazine editor sentenced for US sex crime

NEW YORK, 22 April — A former editor at the entertainment magazine *US Weekly* was sentenced on Friday to six years in prison for attempting to seduce an undercover FBI agent posing as a minor on the Internet.

Timothy McDarrah, 43, who was convicted in December in US District Court in New York, must register as a sex offender after his release, Judge Paul Crotty said.

"Why is it that I only seem to know where the line is when I cross it?" McDarrah said in court.

He acknowledged battling a heroin addiction more than a decade ago while working for the *New York Post* newspaper's Page Six gossip page.

In 2005 McDarrah responded to an ad on an Internet website that offered the "freshest, youngest" girls available in New York. The ad had been posted by the FBI to catch paedophiles. McDarrah replied that he was interested in a "White 14-year-old girl with a pony tail" and said he was willing to pay for sex, according to prosecutors. — MNA/Reuters

Strong earthquake in southern Chile, 10 missing

SANTIAGO, 22 April — At least 10 people were missing on Saturday after a large earthquake in southern Chile caused power cuts, landslides and large waves off the nation's Pacific coast, authorities said.

The 6.2 magnitude quake hit at 13:50 local time (1750 GMT) with an epicentre 820 miles (1,320 kilometres) south of the capital Santiago, near the city of Coyhaique. At first it was not thought to have

caused material damages.

The government disaster agency Onemi said later that the quake had caused chunks of land to fall into the ocean, causing large waves, but not a tsunami, in an area where there are salmon farms.

Onemi said in a statement that Army patrols and police were

searching for 10 people who had been reported missing and are thought to have been on the ocean near where the wave activity occurred.

Saturday's quake was the strongest of hundreds to have struck the region in recent months. The length of Chile is prone to earthquakes.

MNA/Reuters

101-year-old Zambian man nabbed over cannabis, trafficking

LUSAKA, 22 April — Zambia's Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) has arrested a man aged 101 for allegedly cultivating and trafficking cannabis, local newspaper *Zambia Daily Mail* reported Friday.

DEC spokesperson Rosten Chulu confirmed the arrest of Timothy Chilekwa, a peasant farmer of Namembo Village in Southern Province who was born in 1906.

Chulu said the old man was nabbed for alleged unlawful cultivation of

cannabis weighing 1.2 tons.

He was also found trafficking two sacks of cannabis weighing 6.95 kilos, Chulu said.

The spokesperson said the 101-year-old would appear in court soon. In the meantime, the DEC also arrested several other suspects from all over the country for trafficking cannabis, a drug that is widely seen in Zambia's rural areas illegally planted for quick money.

MNA/Xinhua

Australian PM unveils \$150m plan to combat 'ice'

SYDNEY, 22 April — The Prime Minister John Howard says a \$150 million package to fight use of the drug ice will make a difference.

Mr Howard says the money will go towards rehabilitation services and education programmes.

It will also be spent on a new squad in the Australian Federal Police (AFP), which will target trafficking of crystal methamphetamine into Australia. Mr Howard says he is proud of his zero tolerance approach to drugs.

"You don't put it all on education, you don't put it all on law enforcement," he said.

"I know there are some people who say that all we worry about is law enforcement - that is not right." The Prime Minister says his tough stance on drugs has seen the number of heroin overdoses per year drop by more than 600 in the past eight years.

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In this file photo, a sales clerk grabs bags containing the Nintendo Wii on the day of its Japanese launch at an electronics retail shop in Tokyo on 2 Dec, 2006. Nintendo Wii was again the No 1 current-generation video game console, selling 259,000 units in the United States in March, according to market research firm NPD.

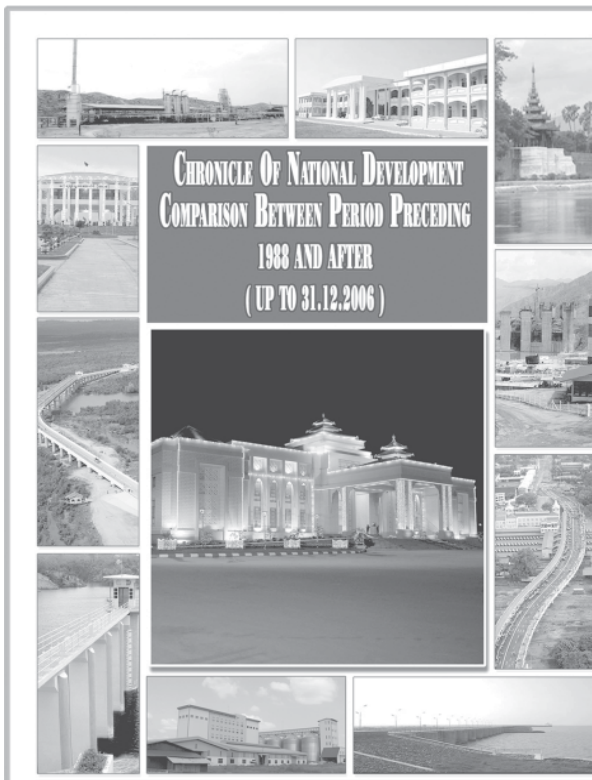
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Bus accident in Bolivia leaves 29 dead, 20 injured

LIMA, 21 April — A bus accident in central Bolivia's Cochabamba Department on Thursday has left 29 people dead and 20 injured, some extremely critical, reported Sacaba's traffic director Marcelino Merida.

Two minors, three and eight, are among the deceased, and the accident took place at 06.20 local time (10.20 GMT), very close to the small Melga locality, 34 kilometres from Cochabamba, added Merida.

Of the 20 people injured, among them three

minors, 10 remain hospitalized in Viedma and the other 10 are in a hospital in the Sacaba locality, some in critical condition, added Merida.

The wrecked bus which belongs to "Dorado" enterprise left Wednesday night from Santa Cruz de la Sierra eastern city and fell off a cliff Thursday some 80 metres deep in circumstances yet to be determined.

The blood of the bus driver, who is among the dead, is being tested to determine if he was drunk at the time of the accident since some of the survivors mentioned that possibility.

The survivors' rescue was very difficult due to the depth of the abyss and the bus was completely wrecked. Merida said all the corpses, fourteen of

which are already identified, were taken to the morgue at Viedma Hospital, in Cochabamba's capital.

MNA/Xinhua

Train fire injures 15 in Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES, 21 April — A passenger train went on fire Friday leaving at least 15 people injured in downtown Buenos Aires, local police reported.

The police said the fire started when a unit of the train, which belongs to the Trenes de Buenos Aires enterprise (TBA), was hit by an object flying from outside.

Many passengers were in panic and at least 15 people were injured during the accident, the police added. The train's driver asked to cut off electricity to evacuate the passengers.—MNA/Xinhua



Palestinians check the damage at an American International School in the northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Lahiya, on Saturday 21 April, 2007. XINHUA

Curfew imposed on Iraq's volatile Tal Afar

TAL AFAR (Iraq), 21 April — Authorities in the volatile Iraqi town of Tal Afar have imposed an indefinite curfew after militants distributed leaflets threatening to carry out chemical attacks, local officials said on Friday.

Dozens of families have fled the religiously mixed town in northwestern Iraq in recent days after militants urged Sunni Muslim residents to leave

the area. Suspected Sunni al-Qaeda militants killed 152 people with a truck bomb in Tal Afar last month — the deadliest single insurgent attack in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003.

That attack sparked reprisal killings by Shi'ite gunmen and Iraqi police in a Sunni district that left 47 dead. Most of Tal Afar's residents are Shi'ite and

Sunni ethnic Turkmen. "We have imposed a total curfew from April 19th ... to calm people because these statements are not serious. We do not think that these groups have the capability to launch attacks using chemical weapons," said Najim al Jibouri, Tal Afar's mayor. "These groups only want to scare people," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Japan police nab gangster after fatal shooting

TOKYO, 21 April — Police on Saturday stormed an apartment in a Tokyo suburb and took into custody a gangster who had holed up there after he shot and killed a fellow mobster.

The incident came just days after the fatal shooting of the mayor of Nagasaki City, which stunned the nation and prompted calls for greater gun controls.

The gangster was found bleeding from his head with a gun lying on the floor, police said. "We are putting him in an ambulance and taking him to hospital," a police official said.

No hostages had been taken in the incident, which ended after 15 hours during which police in riot gear had stationed themselves outside the apartment while a senior gang member urged his henchman to surrender.

Police officials said the 36-year-old gangster had fired nine shots from the apartment, with one hitting a police vehicle, but no one had been injured. They said they believed the suspect earlier had fatally shot a fellow gangster outside a convenience store in a nearby city.—MNA/Reuters

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Honorary Race Official and Rock and Roll superstar Eddie Van Halen holds a one-of-a-kind Fender Stratocaster Guitar in Avondale, Arizona on 20 April, 2007. Van Halen will present the guitar to the winner of the NASCAR Nextel Series Subway Fresh Fit 500 at Phoenix International Raceway in Arizona. — INTERNET

Rare footage of WWI Gallipoli battle unearthed in Australia

SYDNEY, 21 April — The Australian War Memorial has unearthed what it believes is the only footage of Anzac Cove during the Gallipoli battle of World War I, an iconic event in Australian history which is commemorated each year on Anzac Day. The one-minute grainy black and white film, which shows the shoreline at Anzac Cove and British soldiers massing at Suvla Bay, was shot in 1915 during the pioneering era of film.

The footage pans across Anzac Cove from a position on the southern headland, showing a clutter of jetties and stores being unloaded.

“Because we have so little authentic footage, everything we can add to this counts as a major discovery, a new possibility for study,” Stephanie Boyle, film and sound curator at the war memorial, told reporters.

Australia and New Zealand Corp (ANZAC)

forces landed at Gallipoli in April 1915 as part of a British-led allied force, including French and Indian units who were trying to open up a sea route for World War I ally Russia.

The eight-month campaign was a disaster. Allied and Turkish forces suffered more than 300,000 casualties. Anzac Day, 25 April, has become the day Australia commemorates its war dead. —MNA/Reuters



Firemen hose down a burnt vehicle after a bomb attack in Baghdad's Sadr City on 21 April, 2007. The attack killed two people and wounded five others, police said. INTERNET

China, Pakistan to broaden educational, cultural exchanges

BEIJING, 21 April — China and Pakistan will broaden exchanges in education and training, and enhance cultural contacts and cooperation, according to China-Pakistan Joint Statement issued here Friday.

The statement said China would help train 130 Pakistan nationals in economic management, trade and investment, finance, tourism and contractual projects

between China and Pakistan.

China would also help Pakistan set up an engineering technology university and two sides would increase the number of students and visiting scholars in exchange programmes as conditions permitted.

They welcomed the establishment of Pakistan study centres at China's Peking University and Sichuan University and

collaborative links between higher learning institutions.

The two countries also welcomed Pakistan's intention to set up an arts, film and cultural academy in China and establishing

of China Friendship Centre and Confucius Institute in Pakistan

. Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz began an official visit to China from Monday.

MNA/Xinhua



A model displays a Jordanian dress during a fashion show in Amman on 21 April, 2007. — INTERNET

Crocodiles attack nine-year-old in S China resort

NANNING, 21 April — A nine-year-old boy was attacked and eaten by a swarm of crocodiles in an alligator pool on a seashore resort in Beihai City, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, according to a local police source.

The tragedy occurred at about 6 pm on Friday, when a pupil surnamed Liu from Xiantian Primary School climbed over the fence of a crocodile pool which has been temporarily closed.

“He was attacked by a crocodile and shouted for help. I tried to pull him back, but more crocodiles swarmed over and started to bite him,” said a student witness surnamed Pang.

Local police confirmed the death but declined to give more details.

The pool, which had been used to stage crocodile shows, is located in a recreational park in a holiday resort called Beihai Yintan, or Silver Beach. It has been sealed off for auction.

In August 2005, crocodiles in this park sneaked out through a water pipe and crawled to the beach, freaking out tourists.

MNA/Xinhua

Los Angeles moves to reduce reliance on fossil fuels

LOS ANGELES, 21 April — Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa pledged on Wednesday to reduce the city's reliance on fossil fuels.

He said he plans to announce a climate-

change plan for Los Angeles in the next several weeks aimed at limiting the use of fossil fuels which are the major source of pollution in the city, the second largest US metropolis.

“We believe that we can't be a great global city if we're not a great global citizen,” he said. “And we believe it's possible to dramatically reduce the carbon footprint of a city

of four million souls.”

He also set a goal of building 35 new parks within five years, noting that two new parks are already open and the city has acquired land for seven more.

“Our traffic officers will continue to unclog the city's busiest intersections during the morning and evening rush hours,” the mayor said.

He also vowed to fill 300,000 potholes and repair 575 miles of city streets in the coming fiscal year.

Los Angeles remains one of the most polluted cities in the United States. Last year, the mayor launched a campaign to plant one million trees in the city. — MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



BSC Young Boys' (YB) Mario Raimondi (L) challenges FC Schaffhausen's Carlos Da Silva during their Swiss Super League soccer match in Bern on 21 April, 2007. — INTERNET

Jenas snatches draw for Spurs against Arsenal

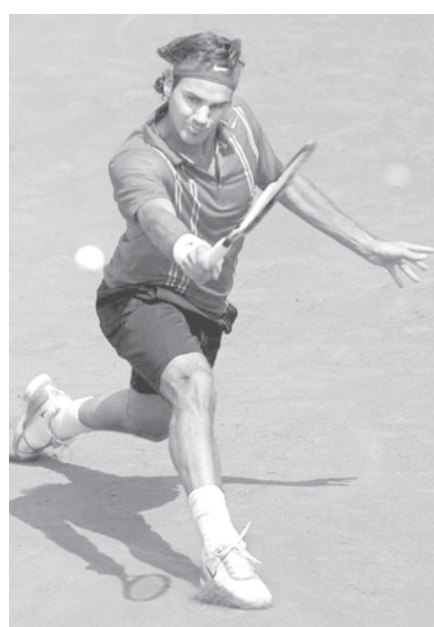
LONDON, 22 April — Midfielder Jermaine Jenas fired a dramatic equalizer in the fifth minute of stoppage time to give Tottenham Hotspur a 2-2 draw with Arsenal in the north London derby on Saturday.

Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor appeared to have won it for Arsenal with a 78th-minute header, but Jenas rifled a superb equalizer into the bottom left hand corner to the delight of the White Hart Lane crowd.

Spurs, looking to end an eight-year run of 17 matches without a win over Arsenal, went in front on the half-hour mark when Ireland striker Robbie Keane nodded home.

But Arsenal's Ivorian defender Kolo Toure scored at the far post to level in the 64th minute and Adebayor looked to

have won it after his header beat England keeper Paul Robinson.—MNA/Reuters



World number one Roger Federer breezily took his 500th professional victory at the Monte Carlo Masters Series on Friday, beating Spaniard David Ferrer in straight sets to reach semi-finals. XINHUA

Beckham returns to help fire Real's title push

MADRID, 22 April — David Beckham returned from six weeks out injured to provide the ball for Real Madrid's winner in a 2-1 victory over Primera Liga

title rivals Valencia in the Bernabeu on Saturday.

Ruud van Nistelrooy scored with a spectacular volley to put Real in front early on, but Fernando Morientes levelled against his former club just after the break.

Having recovered from a knee injury, Beckham came on as a second-half substitute, and provided a trademark free kick from which Sergio Ramos headed the winner in the 72nd minute.

MNA/Reuters

Boro hold Man United to throw open title race

LONDON, April 22 — Middlesbrough blew the Premier League title race wide open on Saturday by holding leaders Manchester United to a surprise 1-1 draw at Old Trafford.

Though the draw gave United a four-point lead over Chelsea, that gap could be slashed to a single point on Sunday when the champions take on Newcastle United at St James' Park.

United have 82 points from 34 games, while Chelsea, who host United in a potential title decider at Stamford Bridge on 9 May, have 78 from 33 games.

Liverpool are 11 points further back after a 2-0 win over Wigan Athletic.

Bottom club Watford were relegated after a 1-1 draw with Manchester City, while the race to avoid following them down became tighter after West Ham United beat Everton 1-0 and Charlton Athletic drew 1-1 with Sheffield United.

Up at the top, the drama was all at Old Trafford where United took a third minute lead through Kieran Richardson. But they were pegged back by Mark Viduka's headed equalizer in first-half stoppage time and denied a potential winner when Ole Gunnar Solskjaer had a strike disallowed.

The Norwegian substitute flicked the ball away from Mark Schwarzer as the Australian keeper prepared to kick it upfield. He was shown a yellow card for unsporting behaviour.—MNA/Reuters

AC Milan tighten grip on Champions League place

ROME, 22 April — AC Milan closed in on a qualifying place in next season's Champions League when they beat Cagliari 3-1 at home on Saturday.

Two goals from Ronaldo and an Andrea Pirlo free kick consolidated Milan's

hold on fourth place with 56 points, 25 behind leaders Inter Milan, who play at Siena on Sunday.

Inter can clinch the title if they win and AS Roma lose at Atalanta Bergamo.

Milan notched up their fourth consecutive victory despite resting many first-choice players ahead of Tuesday's Champions League semifinal against Manchester United.

Ronaldo tucked away a Cafu cross to open the scoring in the 14th minute. The Brazilian striker doubled the lead with a remarkable goal in the 69th minute, chesting in another Cafu cross. The visitors pulled one back five minutes later when Kakha Kaladze brought Andrea Capone down in the area and David Suazo converted the spot kick.—MNA/Reuters



Thailand's tennis ace Paradorn Srichaphan is to announce his engagement with Miss Universe 2005 Natalie Glebova, local media reported on 21 April, 2007. — XINHUA

Sociedad beat Atletico 2-0 to boost survival chances

MADRID, 22 April — Real Sociedad kept their chances of avoiding relegation alive with a 2-0 home win over Atletico Madrid in the Primera Liga on Saturday.

Serbian striker Darko Kovacevic poked in Savio's cross for opener early on, and despite some woeful defending from both sides it was not until six minutes from time that Brazilian forward Savio volleyed the decider.

By then Atletico had self-destructed with midfielder Peter Luccin and defender Fabiano Eller sent off midway through the second half.

The Basque side, who claimed their third win in four, remained second bottom with 27 points, three from safety. Atletico stayed sixth.—MNA/Reuters

Schalke back on top in Bundesliga, Bayern lose

BERLIN, 22 April — Schalke 04 reclaimed the top of the Bundesliga table from Werder Bremen on Saturday with a 2-0 victory over Energie Cottbus.

But Bayern Munich's faint hopes of a third straight championship were effectively crushed by VfB Stuttgart. Werder had taken first place temporarily with a 3-1 win over Alemannia Aachen on Friday that put them on 60 points before Schalke took the lead back. Schalke, looking for their first Bundesliga title, have 62 points with four rounds left.

Timo Rost's own-goal at the hour gave Schalke a deserved 1-0 lead against defensive-minded Cottbus before captain Marcelo Bordon doubled the advantage four minutes later, outleaping two markers to head in a powerful Lincoln corner.

Shalke, who have squandered leads late in two of the last five seasons, have now won three straight games.—MNA/Reuters



FC Schalke 04's Lincoln of Brazil kicks a freekick against Energie Cottbus during the German Bundesliga soccer match in Gelsenkirchen on 21 April, 2007.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Chelsea failed to close the gap on Premiership leaders Manchester United

LONDON, 22 April — Chelsea failed to close the gap on Premiership leaders Manchester United after a goalless draw at

Newcastle. The Blues would have been just one point behind the Reds had they won at Newcastle but

never really found their form and created few openings.

Frank Lampard shot over, Salomon Kalou had a tame stab at goal and Joe Cole missed by inches in injury time.

Chelsea keeper Petr Cech made a good save from Kieron Dyer, while Obafemi Martins headed over from a corner.

But in truth it was a poor game — and an especially disappointing performance from Chelsea given the opportunity that was before them.

Jose Mourinho's team rarely looked like taking advantage of United's draw at home to Middlesbrough on Saturday.

The weekend's results mean Chelsea are three points behind United, who they play on 9 May, but with a vastly inferior goal difference.



Newcastle 0-0 Chelsea: Neither side creates a real chance of any note in a dull opening half at St James' Park on 22 April, 2007.

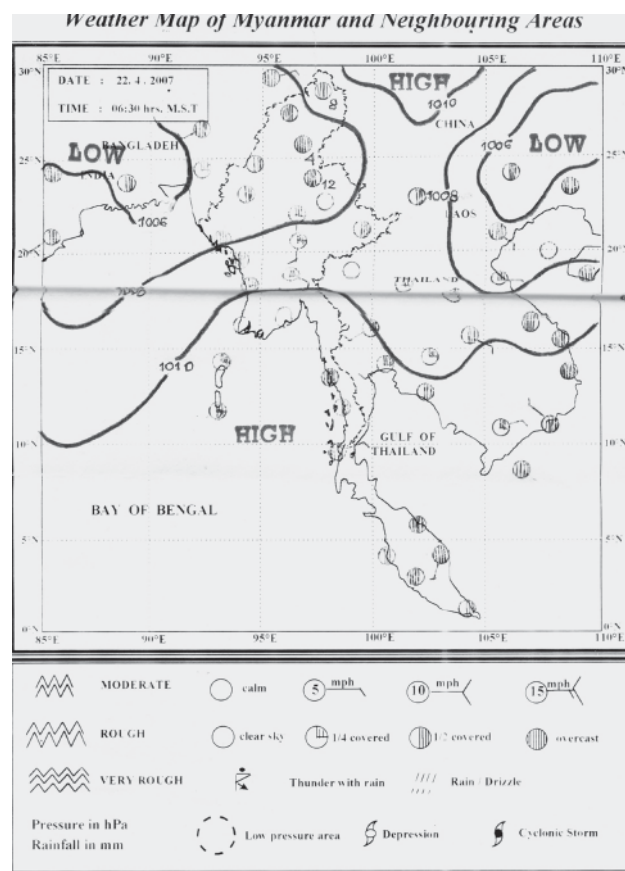
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Barclays Premiership Table

22 April 2007

	P	GD	PTS		P	GD	PTS		
1	Man Utd	34	54	82	12	Man City	35	-11	42
2	Chelsea	34	40	79	13	Newcastle	34	-6	41
3	Liverpool	35	32	67	14	Middlesbro'	35	-7	40
4	Arsenal	35	26	63	15	Fulham	35	-19	36
5	Everton	35	15	54	16	Wigan	35	-19	35
6	Bolton	35	-3	54	17	Sheff Utd	35	-20	35
7	Reading	35	6	51	18	Charlton	35	-21	33
8	Tottenham	35	5	50	19	West Ham	35	-30	32
9	Portsmouth	34	-1	50	20	Watford	35	-31	24
10	Blackburn	34	-7	44					
11	Aston Villa	35	-3	43					

Internet



WEATHER

Sunday, 22 April, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, scattered in upper Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Thayawaddy (43°C), Chauk and Magway (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bhamo (0.48) inch and Putao (0.32) inch.

Maximum temperature on 21-4-2007 was 105°F. Minimum temperature on 22-4-2007 was 79°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 22-4-2007 was 61%. Total sunshine hours on 21-4-2007 was (9.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 22-4-2007 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 Southwest at (20:25) hours MST on 21-4-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 23-4-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Chin States, upper Sagaing 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 Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 23-4-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 23-4-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 23-4-2007: Partly cloudy.

Internet



Monday, 23 April
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Baby it's you ... Aaron Carter
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Faint ... Linking Park
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Sometimes ... Briney Spears
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -What's it gonna be ... Mr Big
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music: -Hello how are you ... No Mercy -She's my girl ... Billy Gil Man
- 9:00pm Spotlight on the star: Back Street Boys -I want it that way -No one else come close
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Childerella... Lionel Richie
- 9:35 pm Vocal gems -Pretty baby ... Venessa Carton
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Monday, 23 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
- 7:50 am
 5. Song of national races
- 8:05 am
 6. Cute little dancers
- 8:15 am
 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
 8. ကျောက်ကြီးပေါက်တံတား
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. Musical programme
- 4:40 pm
 4. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ပထဝီဝင် အထူးပြု) (ပထဝီဝင်)
- 4:55 pm
 5. Dance variety
- 5:05 pm
 6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:15 pm
 7. "အသိစိတ်ကလေး အရင်းတည်၍" (ပြီးငွေစိုး၊ ထက်ရှား၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)
- 5:25 pm
 8. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာတေးလေးကျေးလက်တေးသံများ
- 5:35 pm
 9. Musical programme (TheRadio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:45 pm
 10. "မောင်မြန်မာလျှပ်စစ် စက်ဘီး" (ရီဝေယံ၊ စောနိုင်(ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ ပုလဲဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ-သုတေသီ)
- 5:50 pm
 11. "မြေကမ္ဘာသာယာစေဖို့ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင် ထိန်းသိမ်းဖို့" အပိုင်း(၁)
- 6:00 pm
 12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 14. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm
 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သစ္စာဘဝပင် ခြားသော်လည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေးဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 20. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တ သာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
- 21. The next day's programme

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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

Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin who incited the people time and again to cause unrest and some NLD party members stage protest again in front of Sanpya Market in Thingangyun Township

They are sent to authorities concerned by the people who do not want unrest but wish to live in peace

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—A group comprising Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin (Leader of dissolved Myanmar Development Committee), who incited the people time and again to cause unrest, Thein Aung Myint (North Okkalapa Township MDC), Thein Myint Tun (South Dagon Myothit Township NLD), Lay Lwin (South Dagon Myothit Township NLD), Myint Sein (South Dagon Myothit Township NLD), Than Zaw Myint (Hlinethaya Township NLD) and Tin Maung Kyi (South Dagon Township) totaling about eight carrying placards and chanting slogans this morning staged a protest in front of Sanpya Market in Thingangyun Township, calling for lower commodity prices, round-the-clock power supply, elimination of unemployment, free trade, etc.

The group carrying placards marched along Laydaunkan Road from the motor road in front of Sanpya Market and incited the public to form a crowd, causing disturbance to passersby and those engaged in marketing.

On arrival at Ngamoyeik Ward at about 9.20 am, the group was subdued and subsequently sent to the authorities concerned by the people who do not want unrest but wish to live in

peace. The group is being questioned.

Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin together with a group on 22 February 2007 held a similar protest on Maha Bandoola Street in Pabedan Township, Yangon. After that incident, he was questioned by the authorities concerned who warned him not to jeopardize peace and stability but abide by the existing laws. He had signed a pledge that he would not hold any future public demonstrations.

Despite signing of the pledge, Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin alone held a similar protest near Hledan Market, Kamayut Township again on 22 March 2007. Regarding that, he was questioned by the authorities concerned who subsequently freed him.

When the protest was being held, a group led by Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi who are so-called '88' generation student group assembled at NgweU Daung and Sanda Myaing tea shops in Hledan Market, Kamayut Township to get the protest in synchronization with the Sunday's white expression movement in Ward 7 and Ward 8 of Kamayut Township.

Likewise, Myint Aye (Kyimyindine Township), Maung Maung Lay (Yangon), Pya Gyi (Minhla) and Tin Maung Oo (Yangon) who are hand in glove with the protesters, on 17 April 2007 went to Hinthada from Yangon and met with Myint Naing (a) Myint Hlaing, Thaug Sein and Kyaw Lwin there. The seven proceeded to Ingapo Village where they gathered about 20 villagers. Myint Aye explained about the International Human Rights Declaration to the villagers, saying that they could make a complaint to them if there was any violation of human rights and they would subsequently file the complaint to the International Human Rights Commission. With that regard, the villagers replied that there was no such complaint nor violation of human rights in the village.

As they were unable to create problems

Some people expressed their voices that although the country has some difficulties, it has enjoyed basic development infrastructures and is marching towards the goal. At such a time, fruits of development can be destroyed because of such public riots.

over human rights, Myint Aye and his group on 18 April left Ingapo Village for Otpon Village where they incited the villagers as to quarrel over possession of Theinkyaung Monastery, which is being addressed by the Sangha Nayaka Committee concerned.

As they were inciting the villagers and interfering in religious affairs, villagers of Otpon Village drove them out of the village, shouting "The arrival of you all amounts to harming the village and sowing discord among villagers".

The people who witnessed these events said:

—Such demonstrations under the pretext of human rights, bringing down commodity prices and round-the-clock power supply were only making instigation to disrupt peace and stability and to cause public unrest.

—Those who created such situations constitute a minority internal axe-handlers, the '88' generation student group and Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin and Myint Aye who want to gain popularity and receive cash and kind and titles from abroad.

(see page 10)

Instigation among the people under the pretext of bringing down commodity prices is unreasonable. Most of the people know external and internal conditions well as the media has developed rapidly. The prices in the country are not as high as those in other countries.