

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

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of condolence to Russian Federation

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of condolence to Mr Vladimir V Putin, President of the Russian Federation, upon the demise of Mr Boris Yeltsin, Former President of the Russian Federation. — *MNA*

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Museum, statue of Tipitakadhara Dhamma Bhandagarika Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhamma Pali Paragu Pariyatti Sasanalankara Akyaw Bhaddanta Sumangalalankara (PhD) opened

YANGON, 25 April — A ceremony to open the museum of Tipitakadhara Dhamma Bhandagarika Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhamma Pali Paragu Pariyatti Sasanalankara Akyaw Bhaddanta Sumangalalankara (PhD) was held in conjunction with the ceremony to pay homage to the statue of the Sayadaw at Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery on Kaba Aye Hill this morning.

Present on the occasion were members of the Sangha led by Agga Maha Pandita Zabumaw Sayadaw of Maha Withokdayon new monastery in Mandalay, Adviser to the Ministry of Religious Affairs U Arnt Maung, local authorities, wellwisher Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara Dr Tha Yin Myat and disciples.

While members of the Sangha were reciting religious verses, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence unveiled the stone plaque of the museum and sprinkled scented water on it. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and officials paid homage to the statue of the Sayadaw and visited the museum.

At 2 pm, a ceremony to honour members of the Sangha who passed the Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination followed. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the congregation took the Five Precepts from Agga Maha Pandita Weikzawtayon Monastery Sayadaw. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, wellwishers and the congregation donated alms to members of the Sangha.

Supervisor of Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Ashin Ñanissara supplicated on the biographies of the monks who passed the exam.

Dhammakatika Bahujanahitadhara Twantay Ashin Indaka read the religious verses composed by Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Paññissarabhivamsa.

Lecturer Sayadaw of the monastery Ashin Tejavanta supplicated on the wellwisher list.

Agga Maha Pandita Maha Dhammakatika Bahujanahitadhara Chief Chancellor Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Ñanissara of Sitagu International Buddhist Academy delivered a sermon, and the congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe shared merits gained. — *MNA*



Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveils museum and statue of Bhaddanta Sumangalalankara (PhD). — *MNA*

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 26 April, 2007

Following traffic rules and road safety

Traffic accidents are global issues that concern people from all walks of life of the world nations. For road safety, the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week Movement is being launched all over the world from 23 to 29 April 2007.

Being a member of the UN, Myanmar is actively taking part in the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week Movement.

Roads were upgraded, posters were put up and demonstrations on traffic rules were organized as part of the movement. Educational activities for road users were also carried out at the busy traffic points.

Moreover, educational talks on traffic rules under the road safety educational programmes were given and pamphlets on traffic rules were distributed to the public.

The government, with the aim of ensuring road safety, formed the Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee in 1989, and since then the committee has been giving educational talks and taking action against the violators of traffic rules. As a result, occurrence of road accidents has become fewer and fewer.

The people including drivers and pedestrians can reduce the number of traffic accidents, deaths and injuries by abiding by the traffic rules. After realizing the importance of observing the traffic rules, the people are to participate in the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week Movement.



To mark the birthday of daughter Ma Cho Sin Thaw, U Zaw Naing Cho and Daw Khin Sandar of Mayangon Township, donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. U Aung Than, Joint Treasurer of the home, accepts the donation.—H

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

Cultural and moral course opens



Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai speaks at cultural and moral course in Insein Township.—MNA

YANGON, 25 April — A cultural and moral course, organized by Yangon North District Women's Affairs Organization, was opened at Thiriyadana Dammayon in Gyogon (East) Ward of Insein Township at 1 pm yesterday.

First, Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw

Mar Mar Wai gave an opening speech and presented publications on culture and moral to Chairperson of the District WAO Daw San San Htay.

A total of 160 trainees are attending the course that lasts until 26 April.

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Five charged with corruption

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April—The government is in perpetual service of the nation and the people. In addition, to enable government employees to discharge their duties, respective superiors give directives to their subordinates and the ministries serve the interests of the people sector-wise in a proper way.

The government has opened doors for the people to make complaints so that service personnel cannot commit any misbehaviors and misconduct over the people and those with personal grievances can make complaints in a fair and proper way. Enquiry is set up into the cases of complaints and punitive action is taken against the offenders.

Action was taken against a forester and two forest rangers from the Ministry of Forestry assigned duties at Namkhaik Village in Lashio Township, Shan State (North), for corruption. The ministry also made a decision for a senior forester and one forester to compensate the amount of money they took as departmental fraud in the project for establishing teak plantations in Mongpan Township, Shan State (South), in 2005, and demoted them and took action against them.—MNA

Deputy Minister inspects development tasks

YANGON, 25 April — Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, accompanied by Director U Kyee Myint of Yangon Division Development Affairs Committee and Deputy Superintending Engineer U Thein Hlaing, arrived today at the briefing hall of the district-to-district road construction project being implemented by Hmawby Township DAC.

First, executive officer U Moe Kyaw and engineer in-charge U Soe Thein briefed the Deputy Minister and party on development tasks done during 2006-2007 and to be carried out in 2007-2008 and tarring of 8 miles and 5 furlongs long district-to-district road with the help of the charts.

After hearing the reports, the Deputy Minister gave necessary instructions on plans to be laid down and implemented during this fiscal year and inspected stockpile of gravel. Next, the Deputy Minister looked into progress in construction of the district-to-district road in Taikkyi Township. Officials briefed the Deputy Minister on construction of the district-to-district road and development tasks carried out each fiscal year. Afterwards, the Deputy Minister left necessary instructions.—MNA

Myanmar Rice Dealers Association's meeting postponed

YANGON, 24 April—The opening of the building of the Myanmar Rice Dealers Association and its 10th meeting were put off to May 2007 from 28 April. It will announce the scheduled for the meeting later.

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

The second best time is now.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gang pleads guilty in biggest British fraud case

LONDON, 24 April—A gang of five pleaded guilty on Monday in a 17 million pound (34.02 million US dollars) scam that would have resulted in Britain's biggest-ever case of credit card fraud, police said.

The four men and one woman used various aliases and lived a life of luxury, spending the money on property investments and international holidays, British Transport Police said. None of the five were British citizens, although police were unable to confirm all of their nationalities.

The conspiracy was first uncovered after a transport police officer stopped Dariusz Zyla at London's Victoria tube station and

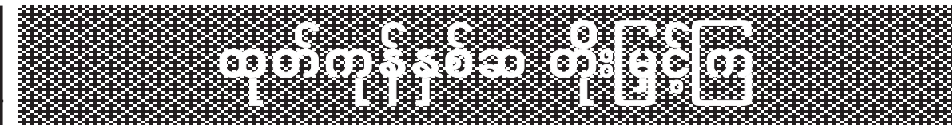
found him in possession of 40 pre-paid mobile phone top-up cards encoded with details of stolen credit cards, mainly issued in the United States.

Officers searched his house and found equipment to manufacture credit cards and evidence of international money transfers, which showed he was part of an organized international money laundering operation, police said.

A specialist credit card fraud investigation team started an 18-month long investigation into the activity, tracing the gang's movements across Europe and the United States and recovering more than 32,000 credit card numbers.

Working with the FBI, Europol, Estonian Police and other European police forces, London Underground and the banking industry, the officers uncovered a money trail to Poland, Estonia, Russia, the United States and the Virgin Islands. Zyla, Krzysztof Rogaliski and Roman Zykin pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal and conspiracy to transfer criminal property ahead of their trial which was due to start on Monday.

MNA/Reuters



Jia Qinglin (L), chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), China's top political advisory body, shakes hands with Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki in Nairobi on 24 April, 2007. —XINHUA

Bomb threat prompts emergency landing of Greek plane

ATHENS, 24 April—A Greek Olympic Airlines flight from Athens to Brussels made an emergency landing on

Monday at Munich airport after a threatening call in Athens that a bomb had been planted on the plane. According to a report

from the Athens News Agency, the 130 passengers on board en route from Athens to Brussels via Strasbourg, included 11 Greek members of the European Parliament on board, were all safely evacuated from the airplane, and a stringent security search by German police had not turned up anything suspicious thus far.

Greece's Consul General in Munich rushed to the airport to provide

any necessary assistance.

The airplane took off at 9:15 am local time (0715 GMT) from Athens, and about an hour later, at 10:10 am (0810 GMT), an unidentified caller phoned a police station near Athens' International Airport warning that an explosive device had been planted on the airplane. The plane made an urgent landing at around 10:46 am (0946 GMT) in Munich, Germany.—MNA/Xinhua



The China lag of 2007 Miss Tourism Queen International Competition was held in Xitang, a famous ancient town in east China's Zhejiang Province, on 24 April, 2007.—XINHUA

British soldier killed in Iraq

LONDON, 24 April—A British soldier was killed by small arms fire in Iraq on Monday while acting as the gunner who provides cover from the top of a Warrior armoured vehicle, the Ministry of Defence said.

The soldier, from the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, was not named, but the ministry said his family had been informed of his death.

The death, during a routine patrol in Basra, Iraq's second largest city, was the 11th so far suffered by British troops in Iraq this month, which has proven to be one of the deadliest for British forces since the war began. Britain has announced plans to sharply reduce its presence in Iraq during the next few months, eventually withdrawing troops from Basra to a base outside the city. But attacks on its patrols have remained frequent.—MNA/Reuters

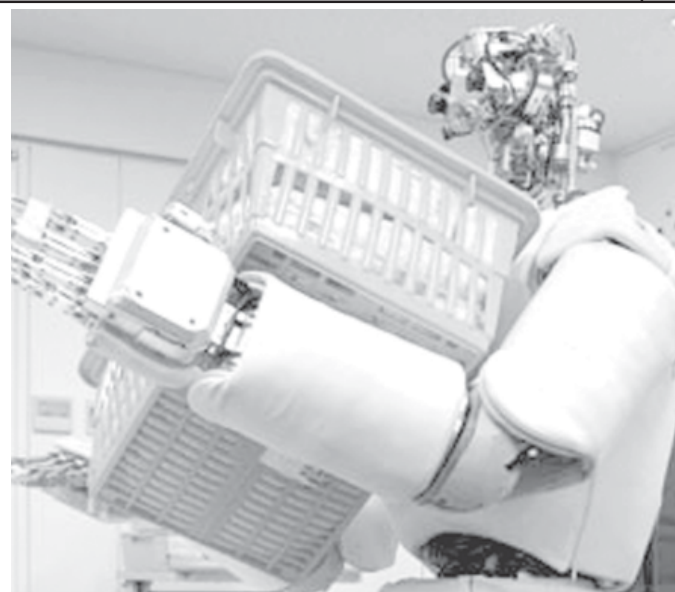
US consumer confidence tumbles

WASHINGTON, 25 April—US consumer confidence fell in April to its lowest since last August as doubts about US economic strength grew and higher petrol prices weighed on people's spending outlook, a private research group said Tuesday.

The consumer confidence index dropped to 104.0 from 108.2 in March for its second monthly decline in a row, the New York-based Conference Board said. 'This month's decline was a combination of weakening expectations and a less favourable assessment of present-day conditions,' chief researcher Lynn Franco said. 'Rising prices at the gas pump continue to play a key role in dampening consumers' short-term expectations.'

But consumers' view of the US economy's current state also declined - the first time in six months - and further declines 'would suggest a softening in growth,' she said in a statement.

The group polls 5,000 US households for the monthly survey.—Internet



A humanoid robot, jointly developed by University of Tokyo and Japan's public research organization Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, lifts up a basket filled with coral sand weighing around 30 kg (66 pounds) during a demonstration in Tokyo on 24 April, 2007.—XINHUA

US sees 200th DNA conviction reversal

CHICAGO, 24 April—A man convicted of rape in 1982 was exonerated on Monday on the basis of DNA evidence, the 200th time in the United States that such technology has

reversed a conviction, lawyers who worked for the man said.

"I want to get on with my life... have a life," said Jerry Miller, 48, after an appearance in Cook County Circuit Court where a judge tossed out his conviction at the request of prosecutors.

The New York-based Innocence Project, which has pursued such cases, said it marked the 200th DNA exoneration since 1989. Miller, it said, served 24 years in jail before a parole. In all the 200 people exonerated by DNA evidence served 2,475 years in prison for crimes they did not commit, it said.—MNA/Reuters



A view of the skyscrapers at Singapore's Central Business District is seen at dusk in 29 Jan, 2007 file photo. The world's top banks have set up in the city-state, bringing plenty of rich clients in their wake on 25 April, 2007. —INTERNET

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Wen Jiabao renews pledges to boost rural living standards

NANCHANG, 24 April — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao has renewed his pledges to boost agricultural development and improve the welfare of the nation's farmers.

On a visit to eastern Jiangxi Province from Friday to Sunday, Wen said the government would continue to raise subsidies for farmers and bring them tangible benefits.

He said the government would continue to buy grain at prices no lower than last year and was considering offering more subsidies for production materials to ensure no decline in

farmers' incomes.

The government cancelled the rural tax nationwide in 2006 and offered farmers direct subsidies to boost their incomes, but rising prices of fertilizers and other production materials has eroded some of the benefits.

Wen also pledged more government spending on agricultural infrastructure and agricultural insurance that the government was piloting in a number of provinces.

MNA/Xinhua

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New 'super-Earth' found in space

LONDON, 25 April—Astronomers have found the most Earth-like planet outside our Solar System to date, a world which could have water running on its surface.

The planet orbits the faint star Gliese 581, which is 20.5 light-years away in the constellation Libra.

Scientists made the discovery using the Eso 3.6m Telescope in Chile.

They say the benign temperatures on the planet mean any water there could exist in liquid form, and this raises the chances it could also harbour life.

"We have estimated that the mean temperature of this 'super-Earth' lies between 0 and 40 degrees Celsius, and water would thus be liquid," explained Stephane Udry of the Geneva Observatory, lead author of the scientific paper reporting the result.

"Moreover, its radius should be only 1.5 times the Earth's radius, and models predict that the planet should be either rocky - like our Earth - or covered with oceans." Xavier Delfosse, a member of the team from Grenoble University, added: "Liquid water is critical to life as we know it." —Internet



An undated handout picture shows Stumpy the duck with four legs aged about three weeks at Warrawee Duck Farm near Southampton in southern England. Stumpy now only has three legs, after one was amputated after he caught it in a fence.—XINHUA

"Los Angeles Times" to slash 150 jobs

LOS ANGELES, 24 April — Major US newspaper the *Los Angeles Times* is to slash up to 150 jobs, including as many as 70 newsroom positions, officials at the paper announced on Monday.

Publisher David D Hiller said in a memo to staff that the job cuts are prompted in part by a 4-per-cent drop in revenue in the first-quarter compared to that of last year and a 13-per-cent decline in cash flow.

"The fact is, we have to take action to keep staffing in line with the revenue picture, which currently is falling in the

core print business," Hiller was quoted as saying by a story on the paper's website.

"I know this is not a happy day for people in the newsroom, including me," *Times* editor James O'Shea said in an e-mail sent to staffers and posted on the paper's website.

"As you all probably have heard by now, we announced today the preliminary steps for another staff reduction at the *Los Angeles Times*."

"I did not come here to preside over a decline of this great newspaper. I consider the loss of each and every journalist or

employee in this company to be a failure. I guarantee you I have worked extremely hard to minimize any staff reductions and I will also guarantee you that I will work just as hard in the future to avoid another day like this."

MNA/Xinhua

Car bomb near Iranian Embassy kills one in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 24 April—A car bomb killed one person in a parking lot across the road from the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad on Monday, police said.

An Iraqi militant group, Ansar al-Sunna, claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement posted on a website used by insurgents in Iraq.

"A group of the lions of monotheism from the Ansar al-Sunna group were able, despite tight security measures, to place a car bomb... near the Iranian Embassy," it said.

It said its fighters detonated the bomb after a group of "apostates" gathered in the vicinity and that its fighters escaped unharmed. Sunni insurgents in Iraq describe

Iraqis working for the government or helping US-led forces in Iraq as apostates.

The police said the embassy had not been damaged. Four people were wounded in the blast, police added.

MNA/Reuters

Four killed in armed clashes in Nigerian oil city

PORT HARCOURT(Nigeria), 24 April— At least four people were killed in clashes between armed rival criminal gangs in Nigeria's oil city of Port Harcourt, police and witnesses said on Monday.

Two people were killed late on Sunday when one gang attacked a rival group in the Borikiri District of Port Harcourt, police said.

Witnesses said two other people were killed in a reprisal attack in the Sangana District of the city on Monday and that sporadic gunshots could be heard from hundreds of metres (yards) away.

Businesses round Nnamdi Azikiwe Road, epicentre of the fighting, were all forced to close until the gangs were dislodged by troops deployed to the area.

Gang clashes are a common occurrence in Port Harcourt, the main city in Nigeria's oil heartland, the Niger Delta. Gunmen frequently engage in turf wars to assert their supremacy. — MNA/Reuters



Pupils read books at a reading room of No 21 Primary School in Yinchuan, capital of northwest Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 23 April, 2007. —XINHUA

ECONOMIC NEWS

New Zealand, India agree to promote trade levels

WELLINGTON, 24 April — New Zealand Trade Minister Phil Goff said here Monday agreement in principle to commence a study into the implications of a free trade agreement was a useful outcome of discussions with his Indian counterpart, Kamal Nath.

With economic growth averaging around 8 per cent per annum over the last three years, India is becoming an increasingly important market and trading partner for New Zealand.

“In fact, with exports to India rising to 355

million NZ dollars (250 million US dollars) in the year to February 2007, it is currently our second fastest growing export destination,” said Goff.

He said rapid growth in tourist and student numbers from India are also making a significant contribution to New Zealand’s economy.

While Goff said tariffs on key New Zealand food and beverage items are high and food safety controls, which exceed international standards, can prevent trade in areas such as dairy and meat.

The study of a free trade agreement will be progressed later this year in a planned Joint Trade Commission meeting between the two countries, which is likely to be held in September, said Goff.

MNA/Xinhua



A performer cycles in the factory of Shanghai’s Volkswagen with a toy panda on his shoulder.—INTERNET

S Korea’s Hyundai, Kia to boost auto sales in Europe

SEOUL, 25 April—South Korea’s largest automaker Hyundai Motor Co and its affiliate Kia Motors Corp. plan to expand their annual sales in Europe by 72 per cent to 1.22 million units by 2010 when their European plants become fully operational, South Korea’s *Yonhap* news agency reported on Tuesday.

At a ceremony for Kia’s completion of building an auto assembly plant in Slovakia’s northeastern city of Zilina, Hyundai’s Chairman Chong Moon-koo said the two automakers target 5.3 per cent of the European auto market in 2010, compared with a 3.3-per-cent share by Hyundai and Kia last year.

Chung said he expects the Kia plant in Slovakia to become profitable during the first year of operations.

Kia, run by Chung’s 37-year-old son Eui-sun, plans to eventually make 300,000 vehicles a year at the one-billion-euro (1.35-billion-US-dollar) factory in Zilina.

MNA/Xinhua



Jiang Junxian (C), chairman of the board of Quanjude Group Co Ltd and staff members pose as they keep embers from a wood-fired oven during a ceremony to preserve the oven fire, which the restaurant says has not been extinguished since it first opened in 1864, in Beijing on 24 April, 2007.—INTERNET

Hutchison plans \$1b investment in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 24 April — Hong Kong-based telecommunication firm Hutchison plans a total investment of 1.1 billion US dollars to expand

cellular phone service network in Indonesia, where the company made debut on 31 March, local Press said on Monday.

Hutchison Telecommunication International operates in Indonesia in a partnership with Thai cattle feed factory Charoen Pokphan and already invested 450 million dollars to run service in 60 towns on Java Island and launch the “3” cellular service brand, reported leading economic daily *Bisnis Indonesia*.

The company will add a new investment of 650 million to build base transceiver stations and expand coverage area in the country’s most crowded island.

MNA/Xinhua

Poll shows 57% of Poles against missile defence shield

WARSAW, 24 April — Fifty seven per cent of the respondents of a Polish Centre of Public Opinion (CBOS) poll said they were against the deployment of an missile defense shield in Poland, up by 25 per cent from 2005, the Polish *PAP* news agency reported on Monday.

Twenty five per cent supported the plan and 18 per cent did not have any opinion.

Forty one per cent said the anti-missile shield project should be implemented by NATO and not only by the US, five per cent said such a proposal was worse, 29 per cent did not see any difference and 25 per cent were undecided.

CBOS ran the poll on a sample of 937 adult Poles from 30 March to 2 April.

The US Government in January made a formal offer to the Czech Republic and Poland to open talks on the shield. Under the proposal, Poland could be the base for underground rocket silos and the Czech Republic would host the radar system.

At an earlier meeting between Polish Defence Minister Aleksander Szczyglo and Russian Ambassador to Poland Vladimir Grinin, Grinin tried to persuade the Polish minister that Russia believed the deployment may violate the balance of forces till date.

He stressed that Russia is interested in a joint evaluation of possible threats to the EU, NATO and the Russian Federation as well as in working out a common system to counteract them. — MNA/Xinhua

Russia, Iran forge plan to complete nuclear plant building

MOSCOW, 24 April — Russia and Iran on Sunday signed a protocol to iron out obstacles in the construction of Iran’s first nuclear energy plant which has been delayed due to financial disputes.

Representatives of the Russian project operator Atomstroyexport and Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization signed the agreement in Moscow on the Bushehr plant, the *Interfax* news agency said, citing Atomstroyexport Press secretary Irina Yesipova.

Russia and Iran signed the one-billion-US-dollar contract for the plant, located in southwestern Iran, in 1995. But work at the plant has been long delayed.

Russia has alleged that Iran failed to pay on time but Iran denied that.

Under an agreement reached last September, nuclear fuel should be delivered to Bushehr last March and the plant will be put into use in September. But Russian officials said earlier this month that it will not send nuclear fuel to the plant until disputes were solved. — MNA/Xinhua



Chewy sweets in the shape of the polar bear Knut, produced by the German company Haribo, are displayed in Bonn on 20 April, 2007. Knut, born on 5 December, 2006, was hand fed by a Berlin zoo employee after its mother Tosca refused the baby, and has become extremely popular in Germany.—XINHUA

Japan, US to have first joint exercise involving "F-22A" fighters

TOKYO, 24 April—The Japanese Air Self-Defence Force (ASDF)'s fighter jets and the Japan-based US Air Force's F-22A stealth fighters will participate in a joint exercise in airspace around Okinawa on Thursday and Friday, Japanese Defence Ministry officials

said on Monday.

The drill, which will be the first between Japan and the United States involving the state-of-art F-22A, is aimed at learning the capabilities of the F-22A, testing the ASDF's latest tactics, and improving the inter-

operability of the ASDF and the US Air Force, officials said.

Ten to 18 fighter jets will take part in the drill.

The US forces deployed 12 F-22A fighters at its Kadena Air Base in southern Japan's Okinawa prefecture since 17 February. The deployment, which is expected to continue through May, was the new type of jets' first trip outside the United States.

MNA/Xinhua



Thai tennis star Paradorn Srichaphan (L) dresses Miss Universe 2005 Natalie Glebova of Canada with earrings during a news conference to announce their engagement in Bangkok on 24 April, 2007. —XINHUA



A kite enthusiast flies a kite at the Third World Kite Championship in Weifang in eastern China's Shandong Province on 21 April, 2007. —XINHUA

Experts say melting Himalayan glaciers a dire threat

BEIJING, 24 April—Global warming could wipe out large areas of glaciers in the Himalayas and surrounding high-altitude regions, threatening dire consequences for China and South Asia, climate scientists said in Beijing on Monday.

Rising average temperatures mean that about one-quarter of the glaciers in the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau could melt, Qin Dahe, a senior Chinese climate expert, told a news conference.

He and other experts said the rapid disappearance of glaciers could affect people

across Asia. They spoke at a news conference to explain the impact of global warming forecasts issued by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) earlier this month.

"Glaciers are vital to the national economy and peoples' livelihoods," Qin said, explaining that they were a major source of water and had a profound impact on other climate patterns.

Glaciers across the Himalayas and the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau are a major source of water for large rivers, such as the Yangtze in China, the Mekong in

Indochina and the Ganges in India.

A top Indian climate expert said South Asia would also be threatened if glacier-fed rivers dry up.

"That is the region that is really the granary of South Asia," said IPCC chairman Rajendra Pachauri, referring to the northern part of the subcontinent that is fed by waters from the mountains.

He also said "we will have to use water far more efficiently than we have in the past".

The panel's report predicts that warmer average global temperatures fuelled by greenhouse gases will lead to more hunger in Africa, melting of Himalayan glaciers, more heatwaves in the United States and damage to Australia's Great Barrier Reef. —MNA/Reuters

Slovenia, Egypt sign protocol on scientific cooperation

BELGRADE, 24 April — Slovenia and Egypt signed an agreement on Monday on cooperation in science and technology, according to reports reaching here from Ljubljana, the Slovenian capital.

The agreement will serve as the basis in drawing up programmes and other bilateral documents on cooperation in science and technology, said a Slovenian Government statement.

Under the protocol, scientists, researchers and students from both countries will be able to take part in joint science and research projects, organize joint conferences and workshops, exchange information and documents, and share equipment. —MNA/Xinhua

China experts identify cancer-preventing gene type

HONG KONG, 24 April—Scientists in China have identified a gene variant which appears to protect Chinese people from various types of cancer.

In the latest issue of the journal *Nature Genetics*, the experts said they had studied the DNA of nearly 10,000 Chinese people over 6-1/2 years and had found that the gene variant appeared far more frequently in those who were cancer-free.

"We have identified a variant of the CASP8 gene that appears to be associated with lower risk of lung, oesophageal, gastric, colorectal, cervical and breast cancers in Chinese people," Dongxin Lin of the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences in Beijing wrote in an e-mail to *Reuters*.

It is well known that the gene caspase-8 (CASP8) regulates cell death. Programmed cell death, or apoptosis, is important because it prevents cells from dividing and spreading uncontrollably, a process that can result in cancer.

However, scientists know little about the variants of this gene and the roles they play in cancer susceptibility.

MNA/Reuters

Roadside bomb kills five Afghan intelligence officials

KABUL, 24 April — A roadside bomb killed five Afghan intelligence officials on Monday, the government said, the latest in a wave of blasts blamed on resurgent Taleban guerillas.

The officials were travelling in a car in the eastern province of Nuristan when a remote-controlled bomb went off, an official in the province said. At least 11 people, including four security agents, were killed in three separate blasts on Sunday.

Also on Sunday, Taleban insurgents abducted and beheaded an intelligence official in Ghazni Province, southwest of

the capital, Kabul, a government official said. —MNA/Reuters



Two citizens dance in front of South Gate, also known as the "Small Tiananmen Gate", in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 25 April, 2007. —INTERNET

Special Sales of Ministry of Industry-1 opens



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win unveils the signboard advertising special sales of Ministry of Industry-1. — MNA

YANGON, 25 April— The Ministry of Industry-1 launched its Special Sales at the site near Kyaukyedwin Overpass, North Okkalapa Township, here, this morning.

First, Col Win Naung of the Ministry of Industry-1 and Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council U Than Aung cut the ribbon to open the special sales.

Next, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command

Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win formally opened the archway of the sales. The commander and guests viewed the products of the Ministry of Industry-1 at the sales.

Different kinds of goods and materials are available at reasonable prices. The special sales continue up to 4 May from 8 am to 8 pm daily.

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Commander attends merits sharing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April — Under the patronage of State Ovadacariya Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Wuntho Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silavamsa and members of the Sangha, a ceremony to share merits gained for communal novitiation ceremony organized by Myitkyina District Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at Dhamma Rakkhita Monastery in Meina Village, Waingmaw Township on 19 April, attended by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and wife, the Deputy Commander and senior military officers, district level departmental officials, district and township PDC chairmen, members of social organizations and wellwishers.

They took the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha recited parittas. The congregation offered provisions to members of the Sangha and took a documentary photo with novices. Next, the Sayadaw delivered a sermon and those present shared merits gained. —MNA

Commander assists in Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) project

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April — Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspected construction of approach roads to Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) in Bago Division (East) on 21 April.

On inspection tour, he called for timely completion of the approach roads and meeting set standards. He also urged officials to upgrade the road to become an all-weather one.

Engineers of the project reported to the commander on construction of the approach road to the bridge and future tasks for the bridge. After hearing reports, the commander fulfilled the requirements.

During his tour of inspection, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko went to a village-tract in Waw Township and viewed a thriving 50-acre summer paddy field. He also inspected the running of a paddy husk-fired milling machine. The machine is equipped with two 75-HP engines and it is used to pump water from rivers and to mill paddy. — MNA

Electric Power No 2 Minister meets Italian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Mr Francesco Basso and party of COELME of Italy at the ministry here on 23 April.

Also present at the call were Director-General Dr Thein Tun of Electric Power Department, Managing Director Dr San Oo of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, Managing Director U Tin Aung of Electric Power Supply Enterprise and officials. — MNA

Tarred roads put into service marking Global Road Safety Week Movement

YANGON, 25 April — In commemoration of the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week Movement, tarred roads were opened at the designated places here this morning.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Chairman of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport YCDC Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win formally opened Waizayanta Road between Parami and Yadana Roads in South Okkalapa Township.

YCDC constructed the road measuring 8,000 feet by 72 feet.



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Joint-Secretary of YCDC U Aung Than Win formally open Waizayanta Road in South Okkalapa Township.

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Similar ceremonies were held on Sanpya 6th Street, Yaynatha Road and Hninsinet Road in Thingangyun Township.

Chairman of the

Supervisory Committee Deputy Commander Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Joint-Secretary Commander of Wireless and Traffic Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung

Naing and officials supervised functions of members of Traffic Police Force and Fire Brigade for safety of the people on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Pyay Road. — MNA

An innocent person injured in mine blast in Kyaukkyi Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April — Ko Khin Maung Tun of Kawpyin Village of Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Division, on 23 April

stepped on a mine planted by insurgents near Mone Creek, east of Myaung U Village on his way to Phawseik Village. His right

ankle was blown off in the mine blast. He was rushed to Mone Station Hospital for undergoing medical treatment. — MNA

Prevent outbreaks of fire

Discussions of readers

A Reader

I took a Kyemon daily issued on 23-4-2007 and went to the tea shop, a usual gathering point of my friends. When I arrived there, my friends were well absorbed in the conversation. My friends never miss any issue of the weeklies or dailies, and are fond of presenting and sharing their opinions and views concerning the news reports and articles.

As I had anticipated, the talks were focusing on the demonstration of Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin and some NLD members to cause public unrest. The news report about the instigation was featured in the back cover of the dailies.

"Come, join us in the discussions our fellow reader friend." A friend greeted me, adding "We are discussing the news report about Htin Kyaw and his group. Most of the public views on the news report are similar to ours."

"Most of the public views are similar to ours. As we never miss reading or listening to the news reports, ours are hard to be contrasted with the public views", I told him.

The other one said, "Yes. As we always read and listen to the news reports of government-run media, we also listen to the news reports presented by anti-government media."

"Pardon me. I can't follow your discussions", a new participant interrupted our discussion. He might be a new participant. "What's behind the demonstration of Htin Kyaw and group?", he asked. His participation made our discussions more lively.

"The problem is that superficially, it seems that Htin Kyaw and group have no foreign influence as their demands were to bring down commodity prices and to provide electricity round the clock," one of us presented his view.

"The so-called party politicians know well that any agitative demonstration is against the law. So, instead of taking part in the demonstration in person, they are supporting the demonstration from behind the scene. Their perpetration is crystal clear", another shared his view with us.

And then, our discussions went on as follows:

"See, all the announcements and declarations of the NLD and its cohorts are repeatedly saying that Myanmar is facing economic and other hardships; and that the government should hold dialogue with the NLD to solve the problems."

"The 88 generation student group that is in conspiracy with NLD is on the same band wagon. All the group's campaigns — the letter campaign, the white expression campaign, the prayer campaign and the latest one being the white Sunday campaign — originate from the demand to hold dialogue with NLD."

"I catch what you said. The 88 generation student group launched its so-called expression campaign, with rising commodity prices, and power shortages on the pretext, in attempting to incite the public to express their feelings through letters. But the people, who understand that the government never ignores such difficulties, but is ever trying to solve them with might and main, did not bother themselves with the campaign and were even ostracizing the group. So, those perpetrators made a new ploy.

"They are like trouble-makers."

"Not just that. To be more appropriate, we should say that they are doing politics for the sake of making money. At present, their foreign masters are imposing sanctions against Myanmar with "four blockages". But the people who never yield to such pressures are joining hands with the government in warding off all alien disturbances."

"As the government and the people are in unity, foreign powers are trying to raise, assist and support national traitors as their minions. It seems that those minions are happy with the support and assistance."

"See, over 80 awards including the Nobel Peace Award were presented to a certain person. Those foreign powers are also presenting this and that prizes to the followers annually. But sadly, the famous and active ones from certain countries who are serving the interest of the world and its people with full energy never get those awards."

"That is the point. Foreign powers are confer-

ring awards, titles and prize money on any person who opposes the government through adventurous acts. Coveting those awards and privileges, Htin Kyaw and group were trying to cause unrest in the nation."

"Myanmar faced turmoil for several times in history because of the existence of such persons. The problem of still integrating Myanmar with or separating her from India occurred during the independence struggle. During the period, Thakin Kodaw Hmaing composed a poem about the then problem ridiculing a leader by the name of Maung Ba Pe of independence struggle and the two rival parties."

"Throughout the past successive eras, for many times, Myanmar was like an engine that broke down while running because of the acts of persons who longed for an aunt over the mother. Such persons have raised their ugly head again."

"Those persons are trying to trick inexperienced politicians into dancing to their tune. It is a part of the plot of intransigent politicians to push the people to the wrong road as sacrifices with the intention of grabbing power though short cut — an old plot those intransigent politicians had used during the 1988 unrest."

"Now, I see the whole picture. Intransigent politicians are trying to use inexperienced politicians like Htin Kyaw and so-called 88 generation group as sacrificial lambs."

"They are advocating democracy while practising communism. Expatriates who are the followers of a big party inside the country in collusion with the BCP remnants drew the people's struggle project 2006 which they called Demo 2006. Everyone of us should be aware of the project."

"We should not forget the perpetration of the late BCPs in 1947 to make demands, to launch battles and to cause commotion just to grab power through short cut. It in reality is the reverse acts and ideologies of the out-of-date politicians.

"I also can see the whole picture now. From the time when the attempts to apply pressures on Myanmar through the UNSC failed, internal and external saboteurs are saying that a civil commotion is a must as outside pressures alone cannot do the job. The saboteurs have been trying to make instigation to cause a civil unrest since then."

"Every news report has backups and follow-ups. We will be able to visualize the plot of internal and external saboteurs to destroy the nation only when we never lose sight of the follow-up news."

"Those so-called politicians and seasonal politicians can do politics without any job. From where do they get funds to earn their living?"

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Discussions of readers

A Reader

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They have foreign masters controlling them from behind the scene. Those foreign masters are using a lot of funds to gain global political advantage. They are openly conferring titles and cash awards on persons in their favour. They have opened accounts under various headings to provide secret financial assistance generously to internal and external saboteurs.

“Yes, at the previous press conferences, the demonstrators admitted in the presence of local and foreign journalists that expatriate groups spent a large amount of money to incite demonstrations to be staged by an individual or a group. When they delivered news stories about demonstrations with photos, they were awarded.”

“I remember now. Saya Ye (a) Than Oo of Bago and group admitted that NDD of expatriate Thein Win received money through the expatriate Pyithit Nyunt Wai’s FTUB the external elements have formed for him. NDD Thein Win was keeping UGs around Bago and provided them with satellite phones. They called in these UGs to the office in the neighbouring country and gave directives to stage and incite protests.”

“Yu Nwut (a) Aung Cho Oo also admitted at the press conferences that the three bomb explosions in Yangon were committed by NDD Thein Win and FTUB Pyithit Nyunt Wai. He also said that NDD Thein Win assigned him to watch security situation in the busy places in Yangon and to report back.”

“Moreover, NDD Thein Win’s group asked their men to send back slanderous and made-up stories.”

“Oh, I see why those who are taking advantage out of politics at home are leading an easy life, and why they are inventing stories. That is why they do not hesitate to commit such acts because they are gaining an attractive amount of money.”

“However the people notice how these selfish persons again are rearing their heads for political gains.”

“That was why the villagers of Okpon Village in Hinthada Township gave a lesson to Myint Aye and group who incited mass protests in the village.”

“As a matter of fact, the people have suffered much due to tricky exploitation of so-called politicians for many years. They uphold a fine Myanmar tradition that however much a person commits sins others should not do so, thus they have had patience with such attitude for a long time.”

“This time, the opportunists had gone too far, that was why the villagers gave a lesson to them in accordance with the desire of the majority of local people.”

What is most important is that we people should use systematically the good foundations the government has built and we should steadfastly serve the interests of our families, our wards and our nation. And we should also maintain these good foundations so that the nation will enjoy a prosperous future.

“The government is addressing this issue with great care to avert possible disunity among the people, but they think they are doing a good job. I am sure before long they will suffer.”

“You are right. Frankly speaking, the people have now understood that those stirring up problems on human rights, and making demands for a fall in commodity prices and 24-hour electric power supply are the destructive elements and their foreign masters. So, arousing public outrage through such accusations were like misleading the people into misunderstanding the government.”

“So, it becomes apparent that the people oppose such destructive elements who are resorting to various tricky means to incite trick mass protests in the nation.”

“Yes, it is because now the people have an easy access to media and a wide range of publications, so they are keeping abreast of internal and international affairs. In addition, they have gained much knowledge with high education standard, so they can well distinguish between good and bad. The situation now is much different from that in 1988 because at that time the people were under the influence of misinformation campaign.”

“However, internal and external elements are still using the misinformation tactics.”

“However much they are using this tactics, the people no longer rely on western media because the government is releasing all news stories that the people should know.”

“Of course, it is now building infrastructures in all parts of the nation for development of various sectors such as agriculture, livestock breeding and industry for stability of commodity prices. It is also providing necessary assistance to reduce production costs.”

“Furthermore it is repairing old factories and establishing new ones and improving the transport sector for reducing transport charges.”

“At the same time, it is taking measures to minimize loss and wastage through the thrifty policy.”

“During the Thingyan holidays, the Head of

State made an inspection tour of hydropower station projects, and gave guidance on completion of the projects ahead of schedule and attended to the needs. The tour received media coverage.”

“I noticed that he also gave guidance on parallel completion of the projects and installation of power lines.”

“Now the people are watching the efforts the government is making, and they can now visualize that the entire nation will enjoy sufficient electric power supply in a year or two, and there will be electric power surplus in four or five years and the surplus will be sold to neighbouring countries.”

“I would say inciting mass protests with the excuse that 24-hour power supply is not available yet in the nation is an insult to the people.”

“If such giant projects had been implemented with foreign investments from the beginning, they would have been completed by now. But they cannot be implemented effectively due to the “four blockages” foreign powers are imposing against the nation to the liking of their lackeys.”

“If the destructive elements really want to see lower consumer prices and 24-hour power supply, they should make demands for the lifting of the “blocks” of their masters, or they should participate in the tasks for a fall in commodity prices and sufficient power supply the government is implementing now.”

“Our discussion is worth holding. I have gained a lot of facts about prevailing situations of the nation and it has enhanced my morale and awareness.”

“What is most important is that we people should use systematically the good foundations the government has built and we should steadfastly serve the interests of our families, our wards and our nation. And we should also maintain these good foundations so that the nation will enjoy a prosperous future.”

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USDA Secretary-General receives Vietnamese guests

YANGON, 25 April — The visiting goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman Mr Tran Trong Khanh of Friendship Federation of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam called on Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the Union Solidarity and Development Association at USDA Headquarters in Bahan Township this evening.

Also present at the call were Central Executive Committee member U Aung Thein Lin and responsible persons of the headquarters.

First, the secretary-general extended greetings to the delegation members and



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo receives Vietnamese delegation led by Mr Tran Trong Khanh. — MNA

explained matters related to the association. He said that the USDA is formed with those wishing to take part in tasks of peace and

stability of the nation. He explained the aim, basic principles and future tasks of the association, and stability and development

of the State.

They discussed cementing friendly ties between the two countries.

Next, public welfare tasks of the association were presented to the guests with the aid of documentary tapes.

The secretary-general and the vice-chairman of the goodwill delegation exchanged souvenirs.

In the evening, the secretary-general hosted a dinner in honour of the Vietnamese guests at Sedona Hotel. —MNA

Four students participate in AIDS Quiz at Myanmar Radio and Television on 25 April 2007.

The quiz was organized by Ministry of Health, Ministry of Information and UNICEF.

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Ceremony to honour monks who passed Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Exam

YANGON, 25 April — The Ministry of Religious Affairs will organize the ceremony to honour members of the Sangha who passed the 59th Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination in conjunction with the ceremony to present certificates to them at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill at 8 am on 26 May.

On the occasion, provisions and alms will be offered to 246 members of the Sangha including members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadhara Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, Tipitakadhara Dhamma Bhandagarika Sayadaws, Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaws, members of the Sangha and 73 monks who passed the Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination.

Wellwishers may donate provisions in advance through Director U Myint Kyi of Religious Affairs Department, Tel: 660766, and at the donation unit, west of Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin Hall and another donation unit at eastern stairway of Kaba Aye Pagoda, beginning 24 April. — MNA

Commander inspects cultivation of physic nut in Monywa District

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and staff officers inspected model physic nut plantations of the command on 21 April.

The commander inspected cultivation of papaya, summer paddy and green gram of the station and cultivation of physic nut and other crops in Kani Township.

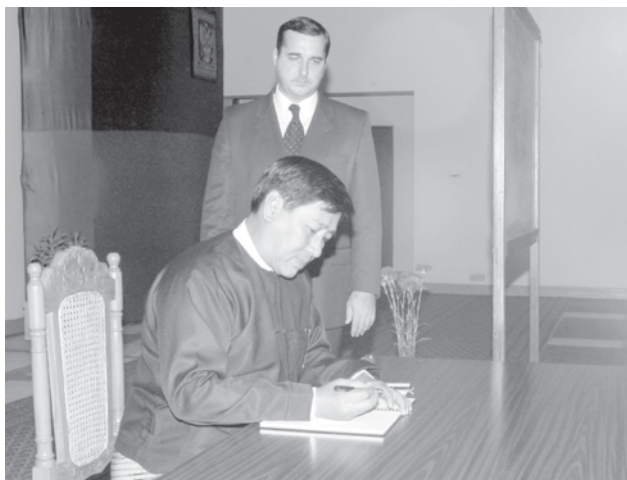
Lt-Col Kyaw Oo and officials reported on work done of the special zone-1 and tasks to be undertaken.

The commander gave instructions on use of correct cultivation methods and pesticides, cooperation with departments concerned and exceeding the targets set.

Out of 50,000 acres, 5,368 acres of physic nut have been grown in the zone. The commander inspected cultivation of physic nut of Tin Win Tun Co on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa Road.

The commander and party went to the site of renovation of Maha Bawdhitthaung Laykyunçakka Pagoda. They inspected Bodhitthaung Dam. It is an earth dam, 670 feet long and 75 feet high. The water capacity at full brim is 683 acre feet. The dam will irrigate 100 acres of cultivable lands. —MNA

Deputy FM signs Book of Condolences opened for Yeltsin



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu signs in Book of Condolences for demise of Former President of the Russian Federation Mr Boris Yeltsin. —MNA

YANGON, 25 April — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu signed Book of Condolences at the Embassy of the Russian Federation, 38 Sagawa Road, Dagon Township at 4 pm today, opened for the demise of Mr Boris Yeltsin, Former President of the Russian Federation on 23 April 2007.

MNA

China warns US piracy case will harm trade ties

BEIJING, 25 April — China has made great strides in protecting patents and copyrights and US complaints over commercial piracy would “seriously harm” cooperation, Vice-Premier Wu Yi said on Tuesday.

Earlier this month, the United States launched two cases at the WTO claiming that Beijing was not doing enough to punish illegal copiers of films and music and that Chinese restrictions on entertainment imports violated trade rules.

China denounced Washington’s complaint and, Wu, who heads the country’s economic dialogue with Washington, bluntly

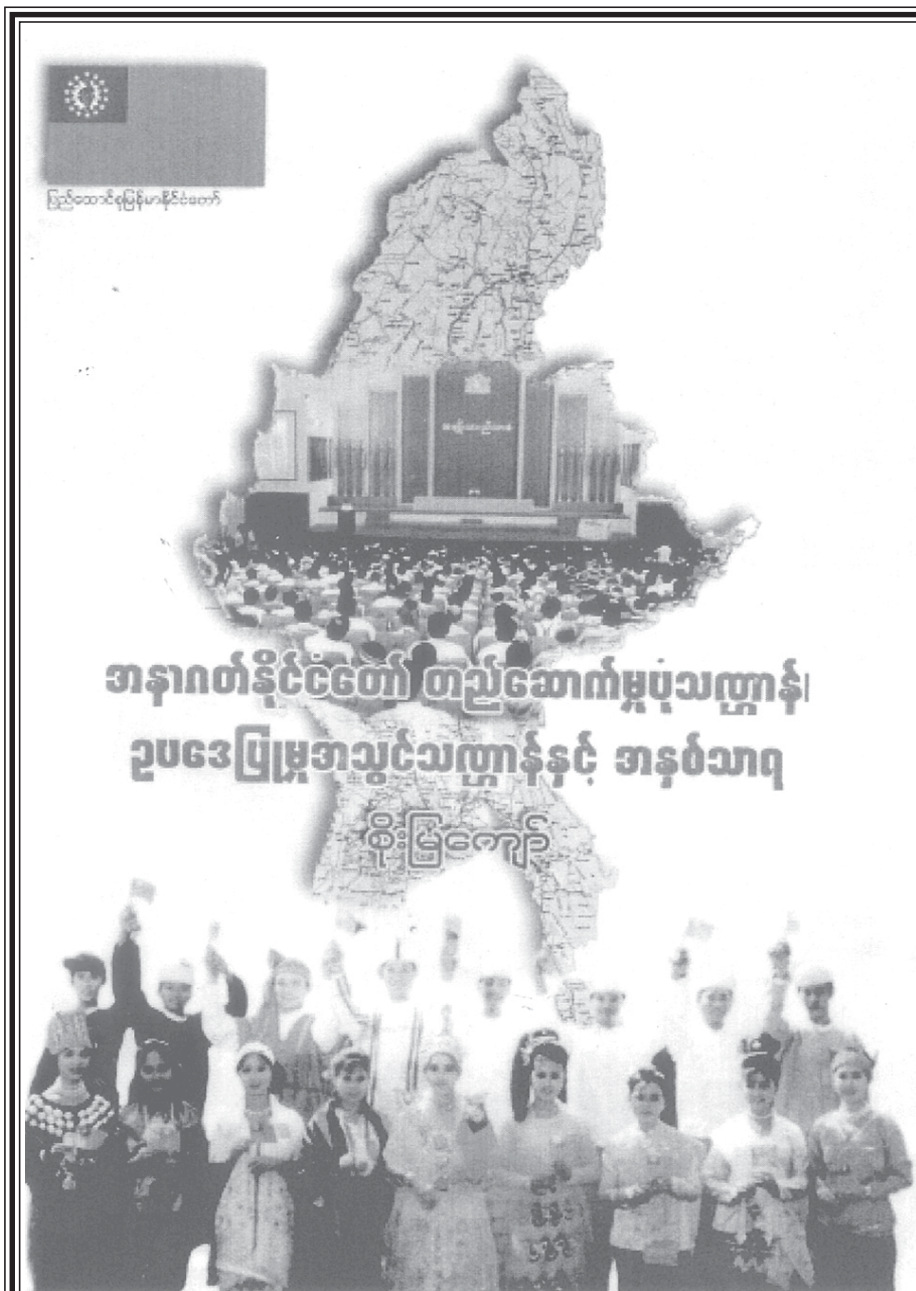
warned that the complaints would bruise bilateral trade ties.

“The United States Trade Representative, the USTR, has totally ignored the massive strides China has made,” Wu told an intellectual property forum in Beijing.

The US action “flies in the face of the agreement between the two country’s leaders to propose dialogue as a way of settling disputes,” Wu

said, adding that never before had a WTO member simultaneously mounted two cases against another country.

“This will have an utterly negative impact and will inevitably badly damage bilateral intellectual property cooperation,” she said, also warning it would “harm” cooperation over market access issues. —MNA/Reuters



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Rare rhino filmed in Malaysia for the first time

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 April— One of the world's rarest rhinos has been caught on film for the first time on Borneo Island, wildlife officials said on Tuesday as they showed footage of the animal eating, walking about and sniffing the camera.

Malaysian officials of global conservation organization WWF said the two-minute video, recorded early this year by a camera hidden in the jungle, was the first to capture the behaviour of the elusive two-horned Borneo rhino in the wild.

in greater detail." The video clip shows the huge animal foraging in undergrowth, breathing heavily as it approaches the camera close enough for viewers to glimpse its eyes and long front horn, along with the individual hairs on its chin and the

wrinkles on its neck. Except for the sighting in Sabah, there have been no confirmed reports of rhinos on Borneo for almost 20 years, leading experts to fear the species may now be extinct on the rest of the island, the WWF said. — MNA/Reuters

There are only between 25 and 50 of the rhinos left alive in the dense jungles deep in the heart of the Malaysian state of Sabah on Borneo, and the animals are so secretive that the first still picture of one was only taken last year, the WWF said.

"At the moment they're so rare, it's difficult even to get the video," said Mike Chong, team leader of the WWF's rhino conservation project in peninsular Malaysia. "Once we have more videos, we can study them



The International Forum on Tao Te Ching kicked off in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 22 April, 2007. — INTERNET

Briton beats bookmakers by becoming 100

LONDON, 25 April — A British man celebrated his 100th birthday with 25,000 pounds (50,000 US dollars) in winnings on Tuesday after he beat the bookmakers with a wager that he would live for a century.

Alec Holden, from Epsom, southwest of London, had placed a 100-pound bet with bookmaker William Hill almost 10 years ago that he would live to be 100 years old.

The retired engineer said a daily diet of porridge and playing chess was the key to his longevity — as was remembering to keep breathing.

"When we started taking these bets, a 100 years old seemed to be an almost mythical landmark and we were prepared to offer massive odds," said Rupert Adams of William Hill.

"But these age wagers are starting to cost us a fortune." — MNA/Reuters

Indonesia's first female driver listed in record book

JAKARTA, 25 April — The Indonesian Museum of Records has recognized Alexandra "Andra" Asmasubrata as the first Indonesian woman to compete in a Formula race, local Press said Tuesday.

Andra, 18, who has competed in numerous motor sport events at home, will compete in the Asian Formula Renault at the Zhuhai International Circuit in China on 1 and 2 May, reported *The Jakarta Post* newspaper.

A Press statement from Andra's management said that she aims to finish in the top 10 of each series of the race.

She missed the similar tournament last year because she had to attend her high school examination. — MNA/Xinhua

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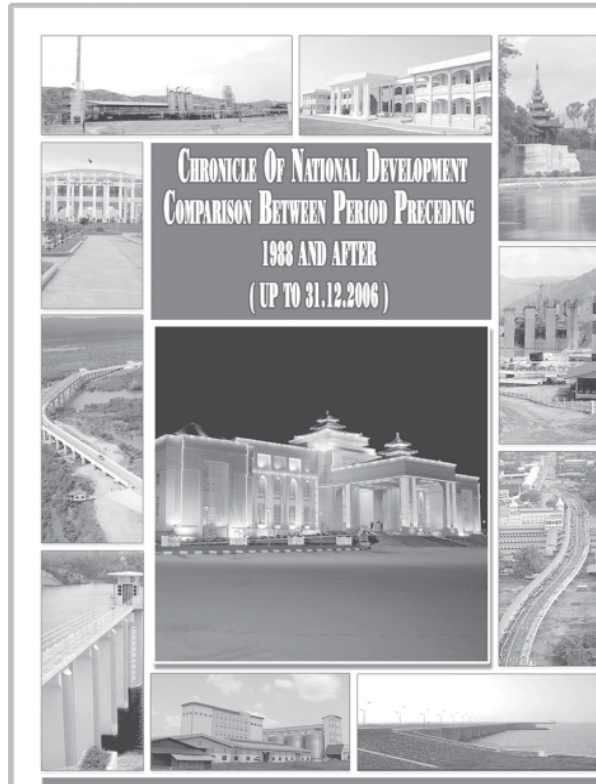
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Three found dead after Chile quake with giant waves

SANTIAGO, 24 April — Rescue teams found the bodies on Sunday of three people who died after a powerful earthquake shook southern Chile causing giant waves off the nation's southern coast. "According to official figures, three fatal victims have been identified," Chile's Government disaster centre Onemi said in a statement.

Onemi said the victims were a couple and their grandson. Another seven people were still missing.

The 6.2 magnitude earthquake in Chile's picturesque Aysen region

on Saturday panicked local residents and caused power outages and landslides. Pictures in local newspapers on Sunday showed roads in the region split with large cracks down the middle.

The quake was the strongest of hundreds to have struck the region in recent months, and led to an emergency visit to the affected area by Chile President Michelle Bachelet. The quake caused chunks of land to fall into the ocean, creating large waves, but not a tsunami, in an area where

there are salmon farms. "The earthquake on 21st April in the Aysen region generated landslides between Mentiroso Island and Rio Cuervo, pushing a mass of land into the sea and causing large waves that affected the coastal sectors and salmon plants in the Aysen fjord," Onemi said.

Residents of Santiago, were woken at dawn on Sunday by a 5.3 magnitude quake, but no damage was reported.

The length of Chile is prone to earthquakes.

MNA/Reuters

Bangladeshi poultry farm owners concerned about bird flu

DHAKA, 24 April—The investors of 100 billion taka (about 1.47 billion US dollars) in Bangladesh's poultry industry were concerned about their business after detection of avian influenza here, UNB news agency reported Monday.

All the hopes of 200,000 poultry farm owners have been shattered as selling price has dropped lower than the production cost due to the bird flu panic.

Different loan distributing organizations including banks and non-governmental organizations are also facing uncertainty in realization of their loans.

Farm owners and businessmen said the poultry industry is going through a critical phase after the outbreak of bird flu. The farm owners have been incurring huge losses since last month as prices of chickens and eggs have dropped sharply.

Production cost for per 100 eggs is 320 taka (about 4.7 dollars), but farm owners are selling it at between 250 taka and 260 taka in the wholesale market against its previous price of 350 taka to 360 taka.

The price of per kilos chicken has also decreased by 20 taka to 25 taka.

MNA/Xinhua

Afghan police seize 140 kilos heroin

KABUL, 24 April— Afghan police confiscated 140 kilos heroin after fire exchange with

drug smugglers in the western Herat Province, a local newspaper reported Monday.

The police seized 140 kilos heroin and a motorbike after a 30-minute clash with smugglers on Saturday evening in Goryan District along the border with Iran, daily Outlook quoted a police official Noor Ahmad Saghar as saying.

However, the smugglers made their escape, it said.

Drug traffickers usually use Herat for transporting drug to Iran, then to Turkey and Europe.— MNA/Xinhua

Toyota 'world's largest carmaker'

JAPAN, 24 April— Japan's Toyota has overtaken US rival General Motors to become the world's biggest carmaker, a spokesman for the company has said.

According to company figures, Toyota sold 2.348 million vehicles in the first three months of 2007.

That compares with General Motors' sales of 2.26 million cars and small trucks during the same period.

Japanese carmakers have been boosting foreign sales and making gains in the US, the world's largest car market.

Internet

Colombian authorities seize over 40 drug dealers' properties

BOGOTA, 24 April — Colombian authorities seized more than 40 properties worth a total of 16 million US dollars from drug traffickers, the nation's Anti-Drug Police said on Sunday.

Officers from the Police, the Attorney General and the United States' Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) launched joint operations from Thursday to Saturday to seize the properties.

The seizures included 15 buildings in the cities of San Andres, Santa Marta, Barranquilla, Rio Negro and Cali; eight boats, two cars, eight businesses and 240,000 US dollars in cash. — MNA/Xinhua

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US singer Hilary Duff laughs while being interviewed on the television show 'Live@Much' to promote her fifth studio release 'Dignity' in Toronto, on 24 April, 2007. —INTERNET

Japan mulls buying state-of-art US fighter jets

TOKYO, 24 April — Japan plans to purchase state-of-art F-22A stealth fighters and F-15FX fighters from the United States in a process starting fiscal 2009, *Kyodo News* reported on Sunday.

The procurement, which will probably cost one trillion yen (about 8.55 billion US dollars), is aimed at strengthening the Air Self-Defence Force (ASDF)'s capabilities and improving its interoperability with the US Air Force, *Kyodo* quoted sources as saying.

The Japanese Defence Ministry believes that the

US export ban on F-22A will be lifted sooner or later and is considering to buy the F-15FX in the first step of the procurement.

In fiscal 2008, the ASDF's 91 aging F-4EJ fighter jets will retire.

The Japanese Defence

Ministry has taken FA-18, F-35, Eurofighter and Rafale into consideration, but in the end decided to buy F-22A and F-15FX because of their high performance, said the sources.

MNA/Xinhua

Supersonic "BrahMos" cruise missile successfully tested

BALASORE, 24 April — The *BrahMos* supersonic cruise missile, jointly developed by India and Russia, was successfully tested from the Interim Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur near here Sunday.

Fired from a mobile launcher at the ITR, 15 kilometres from here, at 11.21 am (local time), the sleek missile met all mission parameters, defence sources said. This was the 14th launch of the missile, which has a range of 290 kilometres. It has also been tested from a naval destroyer in the past.

Taking off vertically from launch pad three of the ITR, *BrahMos* followed its predetermined course, leaving a trail of thick white smoke, the sources said.

After the sophisticated missile blasted off from the launcher, its trajectory was tracked by ground instruments and radars for detailed analysis, they said.

BrahMos was developed under an Indo-Russian joint venture programme following an agreement signed by the two countries on 12 February, 1998.

The *BrahMos* has a strike range of 290 kilometres with a speed nearly three times that of sound. It can travel at Mach 2.823 and carry a conventional warhead weighing 200 kilogrammes to 300 kilogrammes.

The two-stage missile is powered with a solid propellant booster and a liquid propellant ramjet system. The eight-metre sleek missile weighing three tons is configured so that it can be launched from the ground, ships and aircraft.

MNA/PTI

Scientists say even single high-fat meal harms body

OTTAWA, 23 April — It is well known that eating too many high-fat meals will clog arteries and increase heart attack risk, but most people cannot imagine that even a single high-fat meal is enough to damage human cardiovascular function, Canadian scientists found.

Researchers at the University of Calgary looked at the stress responses of 30 students broken into two groups and found that the group eating high-fat were more reactive to stress, recording greater reactivity in several cardiovascular measures, a report by Canadian Television said Monday.

Both groups fasted the night before and one group consumed a fast-food breakfast from McDonald's, the



Canadian scientists found even a single high-fat meal is enough to damage human cardiovascular function.—INTERNET

other ate dry cereal with skim milk, cereal bars and non-fat yogurt.

Both meals contained the same number of calories. The low-fat breakfast included supplements to balance it for sodium and potassium.

Two hours after eating the breakfasts, the two groups were subjected to standard physical and mental stress tests, including a mathematical test designed to be stressful, a public speaking exercise and others, while having their cardiovascular responses measured.

The researchers then measured the subjects' blood pressure, heart rate and the resistance of blood vessels. "Regardless of the task, we recorded greater reactivity among those who consumed the high-fat meal in several cardiovascular measures we recorded," says Fabijana Jakulj, a University of Calgary student who used the study as the basis for her honours thesis.

Exaggerated or prolonged responses to stress are thought to predict the development of light blood pressure. Dr Tavis Campbell, a specialist in behavioural medicine and the study's senior author, says the study suggests a new and damaging way that a high-fat diet affects cardiovascular function. "What's really shocking is that this is just one meal," he says.

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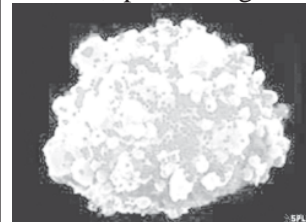
Scientist finds AIDS virus

WASHINGTON, 24 April—The discovery of a virus which may cause AIDS, the fatal disease sweeping through America, has been hailed as a "monumental breakthrough" in medical research.

The development was announced in Washington by US Health Secretary Margaret Heckler.

She said the virus was a variant of a known human cancer virus called HTLV-3. A blood test has also been developed, which, she said, would be

available within six months, preventing the



The HTLV-3 virus is a variant of a known human cancer virus

tragedy of transfusion patients contracting the disease through tainted blood products. She also suggested that a vaccine to prevent AIDS might be

ready for testing in two years' time.

"Today's discovery represents the triumph of science over a dreaded disease," she said. AIDS, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, weakens the immune system, leaving its victims open to a series of wasting diseases. Those people who appear to be more at risk of contracting AIDS include homosexuals, haemophiliacs, drug users and those who have received blood transfusions.—Internet

Robot future poses hard questions

LONDON, 24 April—Scientists have expressed concern about the use of autonomous decision-making robots, particularly for military use.



Public debate is needed about the future use of robots in society.

INTERNET

As they become more common, these machines could also have negative impacts on areas such as surveillance and elderly care, the roboticists warn.

The researchers were speaking ahead of a public debate at the Dana Centre, part of London's Science Museum.

Discussions about the future use of robots in society had been largely ill-informed so far, they argued.

Autonomous robots are able to make decisions without human intervention. At a simple level, these can include robot vacuum cleaners that "decide" for themselves when to move from room to room or to head back to a base station to recharge.

Increasingly, autonomous machines are being used in military applications, too. It is equipped with two cameras and a machine gun.—Internet

SPORTS



NBA commissioner David Stern (front, 2nd R) presents Toronto Raptors head coach Sam Mitchell (front, 3rd R) with the Red Auerbach Trophy in front of his team for winning the NBA Coach of the Year before their NBA Eastern Conference playoff basketball game in Toronto on 24 April, 2007.—INTERNET

Champions League is priority for Chelsea

LIVERPOOL (England), 25 April—Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez believes Chelsea want to win the Champions League more than the other two trophies they are chasing.

"They will think a lot about trophies right now and have a big squad to cope with problems at this stage of the season," Benitez told reporters ahead of Wednesday's semifinal clash.

"But... they know the major competition now is the Champions League and they will be focused on it," he added before his squad departed for the first leg at Stamford Bridge.

As well as the Champions League, Chelsea are also fighting it out with Manchester United at the top of the Premier League and also face Alex Ferguson's men in the FA

Cup final.

Benitez's claim may be designed to heap pressure on a Chelsea team that has failed to win the Champions League since Russian owner Roman Abramovich took over in 2003.

Liverpool denied the west London side at the semifinal stage in 2005 before going on to lift the trophy in Istanbul after defeating AC Milan on penalties in the final.

Benitez's men got past Chelsea courtesy of a disputed Luis Garcia goal but he believes that match is now forgotten.

"We're a better team than two years ago, maybe they are a better team as well," said Benitez. "We do have more experience now though and feel we can do it."

MNA/Reuters



Toronto Blue Jays' Vernon Wells (10) safely steals second on a throwing error by Boston Red Sox's Jason Varitek (not pictured) that Sox's Dustin Pedroia failed to handle in the sixth inning of their American League MLB baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts on 24 April, 2007.—INTERNET

Man City in preliminary takeover talks

MANCHESTER, 25 April 25 — Manchester City are continuing to hold talks over a possible takeover, the English Premier League club confirmed on Tuesday.

But, contrary to British media reports, Reuters understands that no formal bid for the club has been received.

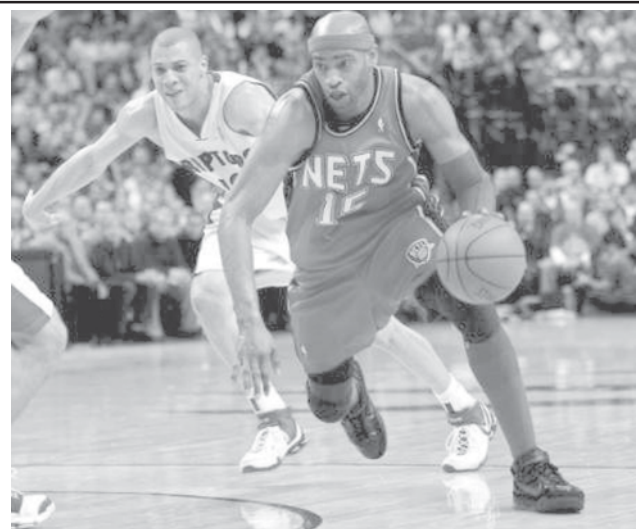
A statement from City said: "Further to the company's announcements on 7 December 2006 and 21 February 2007, the board of Manchester City confirms that it remains in preliminary discussions with third parties that may or may not lead to an offer being made for the company."

It added: "There is no additional information to be disclosed by the board at this stage but a further announcement will be made in due course, as appropriate."

BBC Radio Manchester reported on Tuesday that former Manchester City defender Ray Ranson had made a 90-million-pound (180.1-million-US-dollar) offer to buy City.

Ranson, 46, played for the Manchester club as well as Birmingham City, Newcastle United and Reading before enjoying a lucrative business career, becoming a multi-millionaire from insurance and football finance.

MNA/Reuters



New Jersey Nets player Vince Carter (R) drives past Toronto Raptors' Anthony Parker during their first round NBA Eastern Conference playoff basketball game in Toronto, on 24 April, 2007.—INTERNET

Croatia, Hungary seek refund for failed Euro 2012 bid

ZAGREB, 25 April — Croatia and Hungary will this week demand compensation from UEFA to cover the costs of their failed bid to host Euro 2012, the Croatian FA said on Tuesday.

"We have indicated that we will file a compensation request for the costs of our candidacy. We will send the request in the next two days," Croatian FA President Vlatko Markovic told Tuesday's edition of the best-selling *Vecernji List* daily.

Croatia's FA secretary-general Zorislav Srebric confirmed to Reuters that a compensation request

would be filed this week, but did not go into details.

Local media reported that as much as two million euros (2.71 million US dollars), which is roughly the sum Hungary and Croatia invested in the bid, could be sought.

The 2012 European Championship was last week awarded to Poland and Ukraine instead of Italy or the joint Croatia-Hungary bid, which many observers saw as a major surprise. Markovic said he held a meeting with UEFA President Michel Platini on Monday and expressed his disappointment with the outcome of the bid.

MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney fights for the ball during their Champions League semi-final first leg soccer match in Manchester on 24 April, 2007.—INTERNET

Two-goal Rooney gives United 3-2 win over Milan

MANCHESTER (England), 25 April — Wayne Rooney scored twice including a stoppage-time winner to give Manchester United a thrilling 3-2 victory over AC Milan in their Champions League semi-final, first leg on Tuesday.

Rooney pulled United back into the match when he levelled the score at 2-2 after 59 minutes and his winner gives United a narrow advantage to take into the second leg in Milan next Wednesday, although Milan will fancy their chances thanks to their two away goals.

Milan keeper Dida

helped United get a dream start on his return from injury, palming a Cristiano Ronaldo header into his own net in the fifth minute, before the game swung dramatically Milan's way with two goals from fellow Brazilian Kaka.

With Kaka's goals in the bank, United looked to be out of the tie but Rooney's double has set up what should be a pulsating decider at the San Siro next Wednesday.

The winners will face either Liverpool or Chelsea in the final in Athens on 23 May.

MNA/Reuters

Wimbledon reveals highest prize fund in tennis

WIMBLEDON (England), 25 April — The total prize money purse at this year's Wimbledon championships will make it the most lucrative tennis tournament ever, the All England Club announced on Tuesday.

Both men's and women's singles champions will receive 700,000 pounds (1.40 million US dollars) as part of a total prize fund of 11,282,710 pounds, up 8.7 per cent on the 2006 total.

The men's champion's cheque has increased by 6.9 per cent while the women's has risen by 12 per cent after Wimbledon decided in February to offer equal prize money.

Because of the tournament's decision to come into line with the other three grand slams and offer equal prize money, the overall women's singles prize fund has shot up by 19.8 per cent.

"No tennis tournament has ever offered higher prize money than Wimbledon in 2007," Tim Phillips, chairman of the All England Club said.

"We want to reward the players appropriately for the talent, entertainment and drama they bring to the grass courts of Wimbledon."

MNA/Reuters

US border cop charged with murdering migrant

PHOENIX, 25 April — A US Border Patrol agent was charged with murder on Monday for shooting dead a Mexican immigrant last January in a case that prompted condemnation and increased tensions with Mexico.

The Cochise County Attorney's office filed four charges including first degree murder against agent Nicholas Corbett.

The charges alleged that Corbett unlawfully shot Mexican Francisco Dominguez-Rivera shortly after he crossed a stretch of

desert border between Douglas and Naco on 12 January.

Following the shooting Mexico's Foreign Ministry complained of "disproportionate violence", and instructed the Mexican Embassy in Washington to investigate

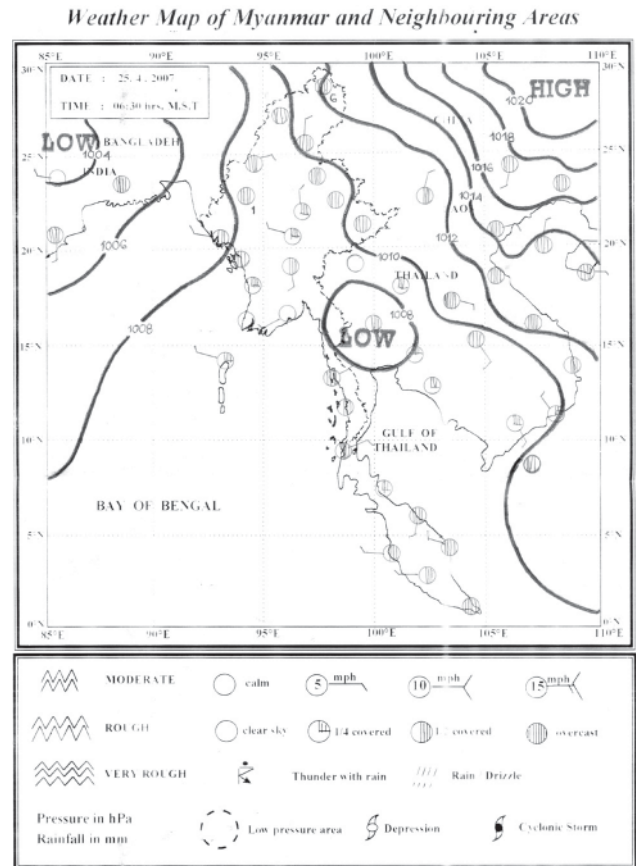
the circumstances.

Last year, border police nabbed some 1.1 million undocumented immigrants crossing over the border from Mexico, and recorded a soaring number of attacks on agents.

The Border Patrol had said that Corbett shot the immigrant in self defence

after he had been threatened with a rock.

Cochise County Attorney Ed Rheinheimer said physical and other evidence corroborated statements by three witnesses that suggested there was no imminent danger to the agent's life. — MNA/Reuters



The teen thriller "Disturbia" led the North American box office for a second weekend with 13.5 million US dollars in ticket sales, according to studio estimates issued on Sunday. — INTERNET

US claims largest cocaine seizure in its maritime history

WASHINGTON, 25 April — Claiming the seizure was the largest ever in US maritime history, more than 20 tons of cocaine taken from a Panamanian freighter has been offloaded in California by US Coast Guard officials, CNN reported on Tuesday.

A US Coast Guard cutter discovered the contraband on 17 March while patrolling off the coast of Panama, according to the report.

The cocaines were contained in 765 plastic bags and probably worth 300 million US dollars on the street.

Along with seizing the cocaine, the Coast Guard took into custody 14 Panamanian and Mexican crew members from aboard the freighter *Gatun*, and the men are now awaiting prosecution by US authorities.

"About halfway through counting the bags we knew we must be close to the record in terms of seizures," said Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Aguilera, who led the heavily armed Coast Guard boarding party aboard the *Gatun*.

MNA/Xinhua

WEATHER

Wednesday, 25 April, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Shan and Chin States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Chin, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) below normal in Kachin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Magway (43°C) each, Pyinmana, Chauk, Aunglan, Pyay, Shwegyin, Thayawady, Yangon (Mingaladon) and Hinthada (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kalay (0.55) inch, Hakha (0.36) inch, Putao and Machanbaw (0.28) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 24-4-2007 was 104°F. Minimum temperature on 25-4-2007 was 78°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 25-4-2007 was 72%. Total sunshine hours on 24-4-2007 was (9.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-4-2007 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 (15:30) hours MST on 24-4-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26-4-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Northern Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay 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 26-4-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 26-4-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 26-4-2007: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Thursday, 26 April
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -I gotta know ... Solid Base
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -If you still love me ... Stevie B
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -I remember you ... Skid Row
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -A thing called love ... Toy Box
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music: -Crazy for you ... Madonna -Make it through ... Randy Travis & Linda Davis
- 9:00pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pouri
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 26 April
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
 2. To be healthy exercise
 - 7:30 am Morning news
 - 7:40 am Nice and sweet song
 - 7:50 am Dance of national races
 - 8:05 am
 6. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ
 - 8:15 am Dance variety
 - 8:30 am International news
 - 8:45 am Let's Go
 - 4:00 pm Martial song
 - 4:15 pm Songs to uphold National Spirit
 - 4:30 pm English for Everyday Use
 - 4:45 pm Musical programme
 - 5:00 pm
 5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သင်္ချာ အထူးပြုများ) (ရူပဗေဒ)
 - 5:15 pm Cute little dancers
 - 5:30 pm
 7. "အနိုင် အရုံး" (88၊ ကောင်းမြတ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
 - 5:35 pm Musical programme
 - 5:45 pm ကြွယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
 - 6:00 pm Evening news
 - 6:30 pm Weather report
 - 6:35 pm သီရိဓမ္မာ
 - 7:00 pm Discovery
 - 7:10 pm နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ်ရွက်ကလေး၏ရင်ခုန်သံ" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
 - 8:00pm News
 16. International news
 17. Weather report
 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အကြင်နာနွေဦး" (အပိုင်း-၂၉)
 19. The next day's programme

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Minister inspects progress of Kodukwe Dam Project in Bago Township

YANGON, 25 April — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 23 April afternoon arrived at the construction site of Kodukwe Dam Project being implemented by Construction-1 of Irrigation Department on Kodukwe Creek in Bago Township.

Director of the Construction-1 U Myint Than reported to the minister on construction of the entrance road, land survey task, land preparations for the embankment, building of spillway, geological survey and future tasks.

Deputy Director-General U Zaw Win gave a supplementary report.

The minister instructed officials to supervise timely completion of the project task, collect construction materials, provide health care serv-



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Kodukwe Dam project in Bago Township.— MNA

ices to employees at the work site and carry out welfare tasks.

Afterwards, the minister inspected geographical condition of the site for the dam, land preparations for the main embankment and construction of the reinforced concrete spillway, and gave

necessary instructions.

Kodukwe Dam Project is being implemented on Kodukwe Creek in Bago Township. It will be an earth embankment measuring 2,100 feet by 100 feet. The dam will store over 210,000 acre feet of water at the highest level. On

completion, the dam will store water in rainy season and will supply water to Zaungtu Diversion Dam in summer. In addition, the dam will contribute to greening 30-mile radius of Yangon City and to supply of water to summer crops.

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Minister looks into production process at industries

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin together with officials concerned went on an inspection tour of No 1 Machine and Machine Tools Factory (Nyaungchedauk) in Paduang Township, Bago Division (West), on 21 April.

At the briefing hall of the factory, General Manager U Thit Lwin Lay briefed the minister on accomplishment of tasks against the target of the factory for 2006-2007 fiscal year, production of each item and earning income of the factory and its expenditures.

In response to the reports, the minister gave instructions on systematic measures to be taken for production services to exceed the target, innovation of new items, production of quality items to meet the set standard, reduction of production cost, minimizing loss and wastage and efficient use of power and

fuel.

Next, officials conducted the minister and party round the factory. The following day, the minister inspected No 2 Automobile Factory (Htonbo) in Padaung Township in Bago Division (West). At the briefing hall, General Manager U Tint Lwin briefed the minister on production of autos against the target for 2006-2007, earnings of the factory, its expenditures, production target for 2007-2008 fiscal year and collection of raw materials.

In connection with the reports, the minister gave instructions on measures to be taken for production services to exceed the target, production of quality items to meet set standards, reduction of production cost and minimizing loss and wastage. Next, the minister and party inspected tasks of assembling Mazda jeeps.

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- * Now the people are watching the efforts the government is making, and they can now visualize that the entire nation will enjoy sufficient electric power supply in a year or two, and there will be electric power surplus in four or five years and the surplus will be sold to neighbouring countries.
- * If such giant projects had been implemented with foreign investments from the beginning, they would have been completed by now.
- * But they cannot be implemented effectively due to the “four blockages” foreign powers are imposing against the nation to the liking of their lackeys.

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